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## WESTERN DESERT OPERATIONS ARE GATHERING MOMENTUM: BRITISH FORCES MOPPING-UP SCATTERED AND DISORGANISED ITALIAN TROOPS

REPORTS REACHING LONDON YESTERDAY STATED THAT THE OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE ITALIANS IN THE WESTERN DESERT IS STILL GATHERING MOMENTUM. IT IS NOW REVEALED THAT THE AREA OF THE BATTLEFIELD EXTENDS OVER 400 TO 500 SQUARE MILES. THE ITALIAN TROOPS ARE DISORGANISED, BUT AS THEY ARE SCATTERED OVER A WIDE AREA, RESISTANCE MUST BE EXPECTED IN CERTAIN SECTIONS.

The question of distance and the fact that over 20,000 prisoners have to be looked after must be considered as far as future operations are concerned.

The British troops also encountered serious sandstorms and their tanks may well need overhauling. There should be no reason for disappointment, therefore, if the British forces have to pause for a time. The difficulties which the British troops have to overcome are nothing compared with the difficulties the Italians have to contend with in addition to being shelled by the Navy and bombed by the Air Force.

The British forces are certainly pressing hard on the heels of the retreating Italians and they have had no time to reckon up the vast quantities of material and equipment captured.

The R.A.F. has retained mastery of the air and the Italian air force has been unable to interfere seriously with their continual and merciless attacks.

The official communique, with its usual reserve, says little about the result of these raids, but one incident makes it possible to imagine how the work of the R.A.F. is helping the troops. It was reported that the Blackshirt troops were attacked with machine-guns and thrown into utter confusion.

It is not only in the air that the Italian troops are suffering bombardment which they cannot reply.

The Navy continued to shell their positions along the coast. General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief of the Middle East, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore visited the headquarters of the British Command and had a consultation with Gen. Sir Nathan Wilson. They were deeply impressed with the enthusiasm among all the ranks.

### MACAO DECREE

### RICE PRICES FIXED BY GOVERNMENT

(Our Own Correspondent)  
MACAO, Dec. 13.—Official measures to curb rice profiteering rampant in this colony were introduced by the Macao authorities in a decree signed by the Commissioner of Police, Lt. J. Montalvo e Silva, establishing control prices and providing penal fines on grain dealers guilty of price-raising.

The price limits on Bangkok rice have been set as follows:—H.K. \$15.50 per picul (First Grade); H.K. \$14.70 (Second Grade); H.K. \$14.10 per picul (Third Grade); and H.K. \$12.10 (Mal-Lok).

TANGIER, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Two Italian submarines, which have been here under repair, left this morning. The submarines were chased into Tangier by the Royal Navy and have been taking refuge there pending repairs.

## Today's War Summary

OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN DESERT are gathering momentum. British troops are now mopping-up the battlefields over which Italian troops are fairly well scattered and considerably disorganised, according to military circles in London. It is now revealed that the officer in immediate charge of the operations was Major-General R. N. O'Connor.

A WELL-KNOWN COMMENTATOR, in a sensational broadcast in New York, expressed the belief that the 'Italian blood purge' of similar proportions to Hitler's, is imminent. A head-on clash may be expected between the Fascist Party and the Italian Army.

IN AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN ALL NEWSPAPERS throughout America, Mr. Walter Lippmann, political commentator, severely criticised Japanese interference with American affairs.

THE SEVERE DAMAGE CAUSED at Kiel during Royal Air Force raids early in July are disclosed in pictures just released in London.

THE DUKE OF WINDSOR, GOVERNOR OF THE BAHAMAS, was to have left Bahamas by plane yesterday for an undisclosed destination on "important official business." It is rumoured he may meet President Roosevelt.



General Sir Archibald Wavell, K.C.B., C.M.G., M.C.

## INDUSTRIAL REGION ATTACKED

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Two enemy bombers were destroyed during last night, when the enemy developed an attack on an industrial region in North England.

Principal damage was done in Sheffield, where a number of buildings were destroyed and others damaged. The city was temporarily blocked. Large numbers of incendiary bombs were used, but the situation was soon well in hand.

## ITALIAN BLOOD PURGE, SIMILAR TO HITLER'S, FORECAST AS IMMINENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The belief that "an Italian blood purge of similar proportions to Hitler's (which he forecast in 1934) is imminent" was expressed in a sensational broadcast by MR. JOHANNES STEEL, well-known author and commentator.

Mr. Steel said: "A thorough and violent shakeup of the entire Italian State may be expected. Extreme radical elements of the Fascist Party, assisted by agents of the German Secret Police, will attempt to eliminate those leading men whom they consider responsible for the current Italian reverses."

"Radicals in the Fascist hierarchy believe that the present Italian reverses are due to the fact that Italy, unlike Germany, has not made a total war effort."

Mr. Steel quoted leading articles from various Italian newspapers as obvious symptoms pointing to such developments and added: "Briefly, a head-on clash between the Fascist Party and the Italian Army may be expected."

## FRENCH TOWNS BOMBED BY THAI PLANES

SINGAPORE, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—In retaliation for French raids on Thailand, Siamese aircraft bombed Banhard and Banapas in French Indo-China, according to a communique issued by the Thai-Land Consulate.

While asserting Thailand will continue to retaliate as long as French raids continue, the communique states the Thai Government "is still disposed to negotiate in fixing the frontier on the basis of international practice if the French authorities will send a mission to Bangkok as arranged last October."

## STOP PRESS

Dr. K. W. Cham, of Marina House, has reported to the Police that about 8 o'clock last night whilst driving private car No. 8249 along Lyndhurst Terrace, near Corcoran Street, a Chinese boy ran across the street and was knocked down. He was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital.

## -On Other- Pages

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## Mr. Wickham Steed



## We Are Within Sight Of Victory

"Nothing can now shake our belief that we are within sight of victory," said Mr. H. Wickham Steed, the eminent writer and journalist, who broadcasts weekly from London on World Affairs, in his talk last night on recent events.

"Our people," he went on, "are resolved to make Europe a safe place to dwell in—they are resolved to free the Europe that Hitler has enslaved and the populations he has robbed and starved."

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## DAMAGE AT KIEL NOW REVEALED

### July Pictures Published

LONDON, Dec. 13 (RWS).—Aerial photographs taken by the R.A.F. immediately after the raid by British bombers on Kiel early in July, are now released and show incontrovertibly that severe damage was done to the enemy was machine.

Examination by experts revealed that shipping and at least two important objectives ashore were definitely damaged.

One picture shows water in the harbour partially covered with substance that probably emanated from pipelines broken by a bomb attack.

The heaviest damage ashore was caused to the main power station of the old Imperial yards (now known as the Deutsche Werke yards) and the torpedo and gun store of the naval arsenal.

### EXTENSIVE REPAIR

Photographs show the power station roof undergoing extensive repair, while the store roof has a large gaping hole directly in the centre. The size of the hole suggests that a considerable amount of damage was done to delicate equipment inside the building.

The battle cruiser Scharnhorst is shown in the floating dock and experts consider the foremast and control tower damaged. In the dry docks, was the pocket battleship, Lutzow—originally known as the Deutschland.

This ship which had been damaged by the submarine Spearfish in the Skagerrak, is believed still undergoing repairs in dry docks and it is reasonable to assume that she was further damaged by the R.A.F. raid in July.

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—No operations, it is understood, were carried out by the R.A.F. last night on enemy targets owing to unfavourable weather.

## On Important Business



## Sudden Flight Of Duke Of Windsor

MIAMI, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—THE DUKE OF WINDSOR, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Bahamas, will leave in a United States naval plane at 8.30 (1 p.m. G.M.T.) for an unstated destination "on important official business." It was announced here by Capt. Drury, A.D.C. to His Royal Highness.

A rumour that the Duke will meet President Roosevelt, who is at present on board the U.S.S. Tuscaloosa in Bahamian waters, can neither be confirmed nor denied here.

In the announcement, Capt. Drury regretted that owing to the special request of the State Department he was unable to furnish

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## SEVERE CRITICISM OF JAPANESE INTERFERENCE WITH U.S. AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Severe criticism of Japanese interference with American affairs is contained in an article by MR. WALTER LIPPMANN, the well-known political commentator, which was published in papers throughout the United States yesterday.

He says that the recent remarks by Mr. Matsuo, Japanese Foreign Minister, are being carefully studied because he tells the United States that Japan will decide whether the measures the United States may take in defence of her security in the Atlantic are good reasons for Japan launching an attack upon her in the Pacific.

Mr. Lippmann reminds the Japanese Foreign Minister that America has a Navy in the Pacific supported by important British and Dutch forces and based on such powerful forts as Singapore and Hawaii, while Japan's partners are locked up behind the immense power of the British Fleet.

"If anything is needed to demonstrate the vital importance of supporting Britain, China, the Netherlands East Indies and Australia," Mr. Lippmann adds, "Mr. Matsuo has completed that demonstration by threatening us with war if we do not allow him to judge and define our foreign policy in respect to the defence of our vital interests in the Atlantic."

"We are not accustomed to receiving threats of war from other nations for in the end we shall be compelled to take them seriously and act in order that the threats may never be carried out."

Li Sze, 56, woman, of No. 10, Yuk Sau Street, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday morning suffering from internal injuries received as the result of being knocked down by taxi No. 482 at Caine Road, near Peel St.

## Tips For Valley Races

The following are the final selections for the Valley this afternoon:—

RACE 1 (2 P.M.)		RACE 5 (4 P.M.)	
Lilliber .....	1	Venus Bay .....	1
Humdrum Eye .....	2	Warrego River .....	2
Kentucky .....	3	Cocklerol .....	3
RACE 2 (2.30 P.M.)		RACE 6 (4.30 P.M.)	
Rob Roy .....	1	Sapper .....	1
Just In Time .....	2	Amicus Curiae .....	2
Taxing Master .....	3	Baffin Bay .....	3
RACE 3 (3 P.M.)		RACE 7 (5 P.M.)	
Devonian .....	1	Roofly .....	1
Criffel .....	2	Quick Despatch .....	2
Tornado Star .....	3	Rising Star .....	3
RACE 4 (3.30 P.M.)		RACE 8 (5.30 P.M.)	
Eve of Harvest .....	1	Eve of Peace .....	1
O-Lan .....	2	Royal Highness .....	2
Confusion Bay .....	3	Sunlight View .....	3

DAILY DOUBLE  
VENUS BAY AND ROOFLY



# WILDCATS-WAHOOS BATTLE MAIN ATTRACTION OF THIS WEEK'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

## Florinhas, Chung Hwa To Decide Cellar Champs

MAIN ATTRACTION OF TOMORROW'S SIX-GAME CARD AT THE KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB GROUND, WILL BE THE CLASH between the Wildcats and Wahoos at noon. These squads are leading contenders for the Ladies' pennant and should put up a terrific battle well-worth of their keen rivalry of past seasons.

The Wildcats are considered to be the most powerful hitting team in the girls' league but the Wahoos, so I am given to understand, will start Therese Noronha on the mound in a big effort to hold the heavy-hitting opposition to a reasonable count that may give them a chance for victory.

Supporting Therese will be Jackie Anderson behind the plate, Yvonne at first, Scorro Castro at the middle cushion, Aida Castro at third, Irene Castillo at short with Jean Yelle, Beebun Abbas and Liza Anderson in the pastures.

Arrayed against this sound defensive line-up will be the Wildcats' Thelma Coliace and "Sauler" Motta forming the battery, Irene Pereira at the initial sack, Thelma Motta at the keystone, Gloria Mar at the Hot Corner, Lily Mar at the Windy Alley, and gardeners Mary Mar, Doris Mar and Dolly Brown or Virginia Chu.

Superior offensive power should give the Wildcats the honours with an upset quite within the bounds of possibility.

### WOEFUL STICKWORK

The Cardinals and Ramblerettes start off the programme at 9 a.m. in view of their improved showing during recent weeks, the Redbirds should easily account for the Recreio lassies who are also on the up-grade but are still woefully weak in their stickwork.

Another good tussle should be the meeting of the cellar champs, Chung Hwa and the Little Flower Club, neither of which have yet gained a point during the current season.

The Chinese lassies have more experienced players than the Florinhas but have been showing such poor form that

the "babies" of the league are conceded an excellent chance of gaining the victory that will lift them out of the basement

### MEN'S GAMES

The first of the men's games will see St. Joseph's in action against the Filipino Club who will probably concede the points without putting up much of a struggle although the Collegians are likely to be short-handed on account of the Volunteer Camps.

The Recreio Aces-Cyclones tangle should be fairly entertaining, although the Aces' better balanced squad should take the honours. Still, it must be remembered that the Aces succumbed to the Indian Softballers who earlier in the season had been beaten by the Cyclones, which indicates that the latter should provide the Aces with plenty of opposition.

The flightcap will be provided by the Canadian Chinese and the Indian Softballers at 4 p.m. The Canucks are the only team in the First Division that have not yet won a game and it is very doubtful if they will be able to open their account at the expense of the Indian ladies, who have been responsible for some erratic displays this season.

### JUNIOR MATCHES

Four second division matches will be played at the Chatham Road ground commencing with the Chung Hwa-Cosmopolitan fixture at 9 a.m. Chung Hwa are slated to take the Junior loop pennant and do not anticipate any trouble from the Cosmos.

The Recreio Bees should improve their average when they mix it with South China in the next game, but the Victoria Recreation Club are likely to run into trouble when they take against the Royal Air Force aggregation, and a lively battle should be the result.

The Central Britishers will again be short-handed when they stack up against Liga Portuguesa at 12.45 but will still stand a chance as the Liga outfit showed poor form when they dropped points to the 8th R.A. last Sunday.

### HONG LEAGUE

The Hong start off at 10 a.m. when Wayfoong go into action against the Cables at the Marina Ground, with the Greenspots and Chartered Bank providing the

## FANLING GOLF

### STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club starting times for Fanling tomorrow are as follows:—

#### OLD COURSE

- 9.15 T. G. O. Knight, G. T. Harrington.
- 9.20 D. Black, P. C. Jackson.
- 9.24 A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
- 9.28 L. Gildman, A. Mabb.
- 9.32 G. R. Horridge, J. Hackney.
- 9.36 J. G. Jensen, P. V. McLane.
- 9.40 J. Linaker, G. Thomerson.
- 9.44 F. A. Howard, F. Groves.
- 9.48 A. H. Guinness, R. Challinor.
- 9.52 J. Brownley, L. O'Connell.
- 9.56 S. L. Lloyd, T. Megarry.
- 10.00 A. D. Humphreys, I. H. Geare.
- 10.04 J. Hart Davis, B. Stock.
- 10.08 H. A. Mills, Major Temple.
- 10.12 Way, Anderson.
- 10.16 R. Young, J. C. Taylor.
- 10.20 G. M. Park, N. D. Lloyd.
- 10.24 Surg. Cdr. Cleave, Surg. Lt. Cdr. Fiske.
- 11.32 T. E. Pearce, M. A. Annett.

#### NEW COURSE

- 9.24 B. and S. v. Dodwell and Co.
- 9.28 B. and S. v. Dodwell and Co.
- 9.32 B. and S. v. Dodwell and Co.
- 9.36 B. and S. v. Dodwell and Co.
- 9.44 D. D. Forbes, H. F. Sommers.
- 10.16 P. Morrison, R. R. Davies.
- 10.32 G. E. Costello, B. D. Evans.

second leg of a double-header at that venue.

#### PROGRAMME

Schedule and umpires:

#### KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB

9 a.m. Cardinals v. Ramblerettes (Wing Lee, J. Fonseca, A. M. Omar).

10.30 a.m. Chung Hwa v. Florinhas (Molthen, C. Marques and D. Walker).

12 a.m. Wildcats v. Wahoos (Molthen, Fonseca and Campos).

1.30 p.m. St. Joseph's v. Filipinos (N. Beltrao, Nip Lum, T. Chinn).

2.45 p.m. Cyclones v. Recreio Aces (Wing Lee, V. Marques, H. Campos).

4 p.m. Indians v. Canucks (J. Alvares, C. Marques, N. Beltrao).

#### CHATHAM ROAD

9 a.m. Chung Hwa v. Cosmopolitan (J. Welford, W. Lawrence, T. Young).

10.15 a.m. South China v. Recreio Bees (Osmund, J. Welford, W. Woo).

11.30 a.m. V.R.C. v. R.A.F. (M. Mendonca, C. Wing Lee, W. Yum).

12.45 p.m. Liga v. C.B.A. (B. Ablong, S. Izatt, Gillespie).

#### MARINA GROUND

10 a.m. Wayfoong v. Cables (S. Leonard, Hassan, Aquino).

11.15 a.m. Chartered B v. Greenspots (B. Silva, A. Ribeiro, Tavares).

## SPORTING FIXTURES

### TODAY

BASEBALL.—Stag Dinner and Presentation of trophies for past season (Palace Hotel) 8 p.m.

CRICKET.—Senior friendlies, Indian R.C. v. Recreio; Kowloon C.C. v. Craigengower, Junior Friendly, Civil Service v. Indian R.C.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE.—First Division, Middlesex v. Kwong Wah (Sookunpoo); Kowloon v. Royal Navy (Kowloon); Club v. South China (Club) 4.15 p.m. Second Division, South China v. Service Corps (Caroline Hill); Kowloon v. Royal Engineers (Kowloon); Club v. Royal Scots (Club); Ordnance Corps v. Kit Chee (Sookunpoo) 2.45 p.m.; police v. Middlesex (Chatham Road) 4.15 p.m. Third Division, Royal Air Force v. 35th R.A. (Chatham Road); Royal Corps of Signals v. 7th A.A. R.A. (St. J's Happy Valley); 12th R.A. v. Medical Corps (Stanley); 20th R.A. v. 36th R.A. (Military, Happy Valley) 2.45 p.m.; International v. Shell (Caroline Hill); Royal Engineers v. Service Corps (Military, Happy Valley) 4.15 p.m.

HOCKEY.—Y.M.C.A. 2nd XI v. Medical Corps ("Y" ground) 3 p.m.; Y.M.C.A. 1st XI v. Punlaha ("Y" ground) 4.15 p.m.

RACING.—Hongkong Jockey Club's Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting (Happy Valley) 2 p.m.

RUGBY.—Quadrangular Tourna-

ment, Police v. Club (Boundary Street) 4 p.m. Army v. Royal Navy (Causeway Bay) 4 p.m.; Friendly, Army "A" v. Club "A" (Causeway Bay) 2.45 p.m.

### TOMORROW

FOOTBALL LEAGUE.—First Division Eastern v. Police (Caroline Hill); Sing Tao v. St. Joseph's (Club) 4.15 p.m. Second Division, Navy v. Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill); Sing Tao v. 30th R.A. (Club) 2.45 p.m. Third Division, Amateur Sporting Assn. v. 24th R.A. (Chatham Road) 4.15 p.m.

HOCKEY LEAGUE.—A. N. Other XI v. 5th A.A. Regt. "B"; Police "A" v. University; Central British v. R. Engineers; Recreio v. Nomads; Punlaha v. Gunboats; Destroyers v. Royal Corps of Signals; Police "B" v. Khalsa; 2nd M.T.B. v. A. A. Regt. "A".

SOFTBALL.—Girls (at Kowloon F.C.) Cardinals v. Ramblerettes, 9 p.m.; Chung Hwa v. Little Flower Club, 10.30 a.m.; Wahoos v. Wildcats, Men.—First Division, (at Kowloon F.C.) Filipinos v. St. Joseph's 1.30 p.m.; Cyclones v. Recreio Aces 2.45 p.m.; Canadian Chinese v. Indians, 4 p.m. Second Division, (at Chatham Road) South China v. V. R. C. Noon; C. B. A. v. Recreio Bees, 1.15 p.m.; Chung Hwa v. R. A. 2.30 p.m.; R. E. v. Scots, 3.45 p.m.

Inter-Hong, (at Marina) Hongkong Bank v. Chartered Bank, 9.30 a.m.; Greenspots v. Texaco

## SOCCER PROSPECTS:

# CAN POLICE DEFEAT EASTERN TOMORROW? BY 'PILAT'

Although this week-end's programme has nothing that could be termed a "key" match, a good crowd should be on hand tomorrow at Caroline Hill when EASTERN meet POLICE, conquerors of Sing Tao. Though I do not think they can beat Eastern, Police chances, however, are not very remote by any means.

Police are a team with plenty of "wind" and are also noted for their fine fighting spirit. On the shoulders of Pope will rest the responsibility of stopping Eastern's main source of danger, Hau Ching-to, and much depends on him for a Police victory.

SING TAO should have an easy time against ST. JOSEPH'S but will be well advised not to take the Saints too lightly.

A very good game should be witnessed on the Sookunpoo this afternoon between MIDDLESEX and KWONG WAH who will be going all out, now that they have tasted the fruits of victory.

In the other League matches, KOWLOON meet NAVY and CLUB, SOUTH CHINA, and should result in wins for the Senior Service and the champions, respectively.

### TEAMS

The following are some of the probable line-ups:—

#### FIRST DIVISION

POLICE: Manning; Blackburn, Chan Kwong-yu; Pope, Gough, North; Wong Man-kwai, Howlett, Moss, Ferrier and Lau Pak-hung.

NAVY: Robinson; Roughly, Britt; Croft, Hawkins; Phippen, Le Page, Hendy, Kelly and Barber.

CLUB: Odell; Eardley, S. Strange; E. Strange, Skinner, Upton; Hutchinson, Scott, Fowler, Bickford and Rietzen.

EASTERN: Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sing-king, Y. S. Yen (or Ng Kee-cheong); Lau Chi-tsang, Hsu King-ling, Ng Kee-cheong (or Lo Wal-kuen); Chung Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. K. Hui, C. T. Tsao and Hau Ching-to.

KOWLOON: Lapsley; Humphrey, Hinch; Maxwell, Bliss, Hutchison; Truscott, White, Blake, Jackson and Ellesley.

## VOLUNTEERS CHAMPIONSHIP ROWING

The first H.K.V.D.C. Inter-Unit Championship Fours will be rowed at Deepwater Bay, on Dec. 21, 1940. Crews participating in the first heat should be at the Yacht Club house at Middle Island, ready to take the water at 2.45 p.m.

The order of heats will be:— 1. First Bty. A; No. 1 Coy.; Mob. Col.; 2. 2nd. Bty.; No. 2 Coy.; Corp's Sigs.; 3. First Bty. B; No. 7 Coy.; Stanley Pl.

Winners of heats will row off the final. Units who have not yet done so are asked to send in their entry fees (\$5 per crew) at an early date.

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- 1 Ft. D.O.M.
- 1 Qt. Martell's Cordon Bleu Brandy.
- 1 Qt. John Haig Gold Label Whisky or "Perfection" Whisky.
- 1 Qt. Superb Tawny Port.
- 2 Qts. St. Julien Claret.
- 1 Qt. Cellars Brown Sherry.
- 1 Qt. Taylor's Old Tom or Dry Gin.
- 1 Qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy.
- 1 Phial Angostura Bitters.

### No. 2 HAMPER—\$72.00.

- 1 Qt. Guilleart Champagne.
- 1 Ft. D.O.M.
- 1 Qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy.
- 1 Qt. Martell's \* \* \* Brandy.
- 2 Qts. John Haig Gold Label Whisky or "Perfection" Whisky.
- 2 Qts. Fine Fruity Port.
- 2 Qts. St. Julien Claret.
- 1 Qt. Taylor's Old Tom or Dry Gin.
- 1 Qt. Emu's Sherry.
- 1 Phial Angostura Bitters.

### No. 3 HAMPER—\$60.00.

- 1 Qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy.
- 1 Ft. G.F. Peppermint.
- 1 Ft. D.O.M.
- 2 Qts. Tarragona Port.
- 2 Qts. John Haig Gold Label Whisky or "Perfection" Whisky.
- 1 Qt. Angora XXX Brandy.
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SOUTH CHINA: Tam Kwon-kon; Tsang Chung-wan, Lee Kwok-wai; Lau Hing-chol, Lam Tak-po, Luk Tat-hang; Lee Tak-kee, Lau Chung-sang, Chan Tak-fai, Chow Man-chi and Lee Shek-yau.

## ADVERTISEMENT

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 14th December, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The first Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY "on the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Telephone 21920).

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

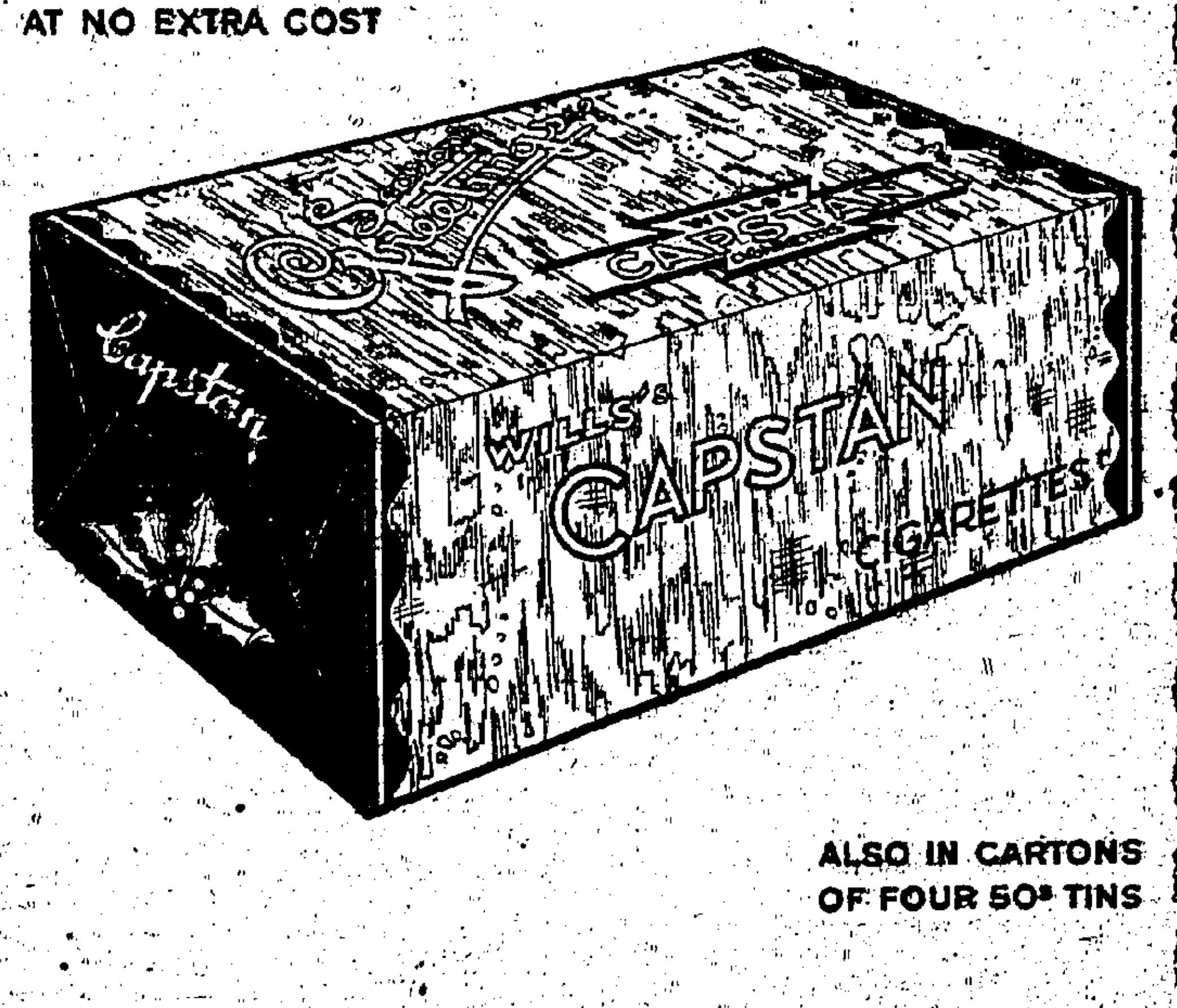
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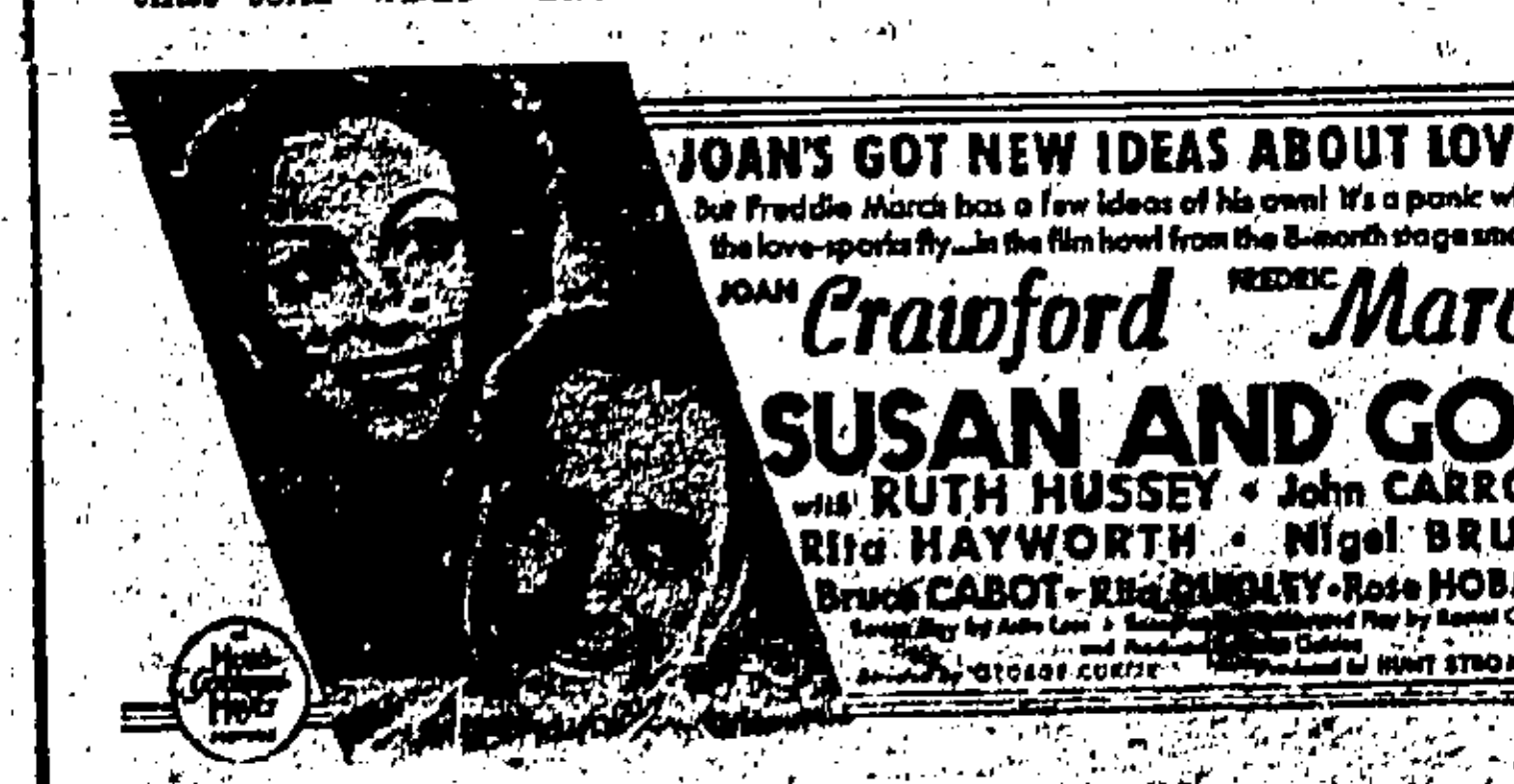
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DEC.

14—Tides: High 3.50 a.m. and 3.35 p.m. Low 2.25 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.55 a.m.; Sunset: 5.21 p.m.

H.K. Chinese Women's Club Bazaar, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

Claims against estate of the Rt. Hon. Kenneth Earl of Inchcape due, Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre.

H.E. the Acting Governor to open new Chinese Baptist Chapel, Kowloon City, 3 p.m.

H.K. Jockey Club's 13th Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

Charity Dance at H.K. University, 8.30 p.m.

H.K. Chinese Australasian Assn. General Meeting, St. Francis Hotel, 3 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Hockey, 4.30 p.m.; Swimming, Tennis.

H.K. English Forum, Third Annual Family Show, Chinese Y.W.C.A., Bonham Road, 8 p.m.

Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

St. John's Cathedral Hall, Photographic Exhibition.

All-China Exhibition of Photographs, Art, Cafe Wiseman, 10 a.m.—7.30 p.m.

15—Tides: High 10.23 a.m. and 3.05 p.m. Low 3.58 a.m. and 2.50 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.55 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.

H.K. Golf Championships, semi-finals.

H.K. Chinese Women's Club Exhibition.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

Speaker: Mr. E. H. Lockwood on "Development in Kwangtung"; Tennis & Swimming.

Entries close for H.K. Polo Club's R.A. Cup Competition.

Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre.

H.E. the Acting Governor to inspect H.K.V.D.C. at work at Fanning Camp.

16—Tides: High 11.06 a.m. and 9.41 p.m. Low 4.38 a.m. and 3.25 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.56 a.m.; Sunset: 5.42 p.m.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Claims against Kruse & Co., Deutsch-Klub, Transocean News Service, Fritz Petersen, Degesch & Degussa (Hans Hammel), G. Hartig, Heintz Artz, Helmut Nocht (in liquidation) due.

H.K. Polo Club, R.A. Cup Competition.

Y.M.C.A. War Work, 9—12 noon; Swimming.

Crown Land Sale, F.W.D., 3 p.m.

H.E. the Acting Governor returns to Government House from Family Lodge.

17—Tides: High 11.46 a.m. and 10.20 p.m. Low 5.15 a.m. and 3.55 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.56 a.m.; Sunset: 5.42 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club dramatic performance.

Kowloon Ladies' Work Party—"Bring-and-Buy-Something" Tea Party, Y.M.C.A., 4 p.m.—6 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Women's Section, American Tea, 4 p.m.; Badminton & Mixed Swimming; Billiards Match, 7.30 p.m.

18—Tides: High 12.23 p.m. and 11.05 p.m. Low 5.58 a.m. and 4.34 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 5.42 p.m.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Y.M.C.A. War Work, 9—12 noon; Swimming; Chess Night, 8 p.m.

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As the insurance agent, Ralph Bellamy contributes a performance of equal merit. Lesser roles are brought to the screen by John Qualen as an escaped murderer befuddled by his position in life; Gene Lockhart, as a wasp-like sheriff; and Helen Mack, as a girl of the streets.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Compositions of Tchaikovsky.

Francisca Da Rimini, Op. 35—Philharmonic-Symphony Orch. of New York cond. by John Barbirolli.

Chauve-Souris — Duet from Pique Dame—Eugene Satory and Philalia.

Erchova with Orchestra. Truker, En Trainaux, Op. 37, No. 11 — Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Some Welsh Songs.

My Little Welsh Home (Songs of the Welsh Mountains) — Williams.

All Through the Night (Old Welsh Air)—Laila Mearns (Contralto) with Piano. Adieu to dear Cambria (Old Welsh Song); Menzies Gwen (Old Welsh Song)—Evan Williams (Tenor) with Orchestra.

1.15 The Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

March of the Mountain Gnomes (Ellenberg); The Mill in the Black Forest (Ellenberg). Marching with Sousa—Medley.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Victor Silver and His Ballroom Orchestra.

Quickstep—There's Honey On The Moon Tonight; Slow Fox-Trot — This Is My Night to Dream (film Dr. Rhythm); Waltz — Let's Waltz for Old Time's Sake; Slow Fox-Trot — I Fall In Love With You Every Day (film "Swing Teacher Swing").

Quickstep—Something Tells Me; Slow Fox-Trot—I Won't Tell A Soul. Quickstep—Am I In Love? (film Mr. Dodd takes the Air); Waltz—The Girl You Used to Be (film Mr. Dodd takes the Air).

2.15 Close down.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Beethoven—Symphony No. 1 in C Major, Op. 21.

1st Mov. Adagio molto — Allegro con brio; 2nd Mov. Andante cantabile; 3rd Mov. Menuetto (Allegro molto e vivace) and Trio; 4th Mov. Adagio—Allegro molto e vivace—The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Arturo Toscanini.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay — "Questions of the Hour".

7.30 Dennis Noble (Baritone) and the New Light Symphony Orchestra.

The Waltzing Doll (Poldini); At Dawning (Cadmian—New Light Symphony Orchestra. There's Always been an England (Parker and Charles); Phantom Fleets (Brandon-Alan Murray)—Dennis Noble (Baritone) with Piano. Danse Des Apaches (Clarke); Glow Worm (Lynck); The New Light Symphony Orchestra. The Organ Blower (McOill and Barker); Unill (Teschmacher—Sanderson).

Dennis Noble (Baritone) with Piano. "Madam Butterfly" Selection (Poldini)—New Light Symphony Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 London Relay—Music Hall Variety with Charlie Kunz Douglas Byng, and B.B.C. Variety Orchestra.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 Local sport results.

9.32 Request Variety Programme.

Slow Fox-Trot—South of the Border—Henry Hall and His Orchestra. Vocal — My Heart Will Be Dancin' (film "The Little Domino") — June Knight (Soprano). Fox-Trot—With the Wind and the Rain in Your Hair—Billy Cotton and His Band. Vocal — F.D.R. Jones (Bass). Arthur Askey with Jack Hylton and Some of His Boys. Rumba—Mario La O — Lecuna Cuban Boys. Vocal—Senorito (film "The Girl of the Golden West")—Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot—The Japanese Sandman—Joe Daniels & His Hot Shots in "Drumsticks". Vocal — Elsie Carlisle Medley—Intro: Gerlie, the girl with the song; Home, James and don't spare the horses; No, No, a thousand times no—Elsie Carlisle. Slow Fox-Trot—They Say—Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orchestra. Vocal and Piano — Over the Rainbow (film "Wizard of Oz")—Ladie Hutchinson. Novelty Fox-Trot—The Fairy on the Christmas Tree—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra. Vocal — Dancing with My Darling (from Continental—Varieties)—Lundberg Boyer. Vocal—September in the Rain (film "Melody for Two")—James Melton with Orchestra. Waltz — Synpathy—Carson Club Orchestra. Vocal — Alice Blue Gown—McCarthy, Tierney — Jessica Dragonette (Soprano) with Orchestra. Vocal Duet—Parade of Dreams (film "Romberg")—Jennette MacDonald & Nelson Eddy with Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Too Romantic (film "The Road to Singapore")—Glenn Miller and His Orchestra. Vocal Duet—Will You Remember? (film "Maytime")—Jennette MacDonald & Nelson Eddy with Orchestra. Vocal — Our Song (film "When You're in Love") — Grace Moore with Orchestra. Vocal and Piano—I Once Had a Heart—Marquerita—Turner Layton with Piano. Swing Fox-Trot—Playmates — Arthur Young and Hatchett's Swingsters featuring Stephanie Grappelly and Beryl Davis. Vocal — Sweet Potato Pie (film "The Road to Singapore") — Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot—My Heart Belongs to Daddy—Jack Hylton and His Orchestra. Vocal Duet—An Apple for the Teacher (film "The Star Maker") — Bing Crosby and Connie Boswell. Polka—Beer Barrel Polka—Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

11.00 London Relay—Talk, 15 My Opinion.

11.15 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—I Was Watching a Man Paint a Fence; Slow Fox-Trot — I Love You Much Too Much—Amigos and His Orchestra. Tango — Hear My Song. Violette; Jealousy—Robert Renard Dance Orchestra. Fox-Trot—One Look At You (film "A Night at Earl Carroll's")—Wayne King & His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Whatever Happened to You; Rumba—The Rumba-Cardi—Xavier Cugat and His Waldorf-Astoria Orchestra. Fox-Trot — It's A Blue World; Quickstep—Punchinello (from "Music in my Heart") — Jay Wilbur and His Band. Fox-Trots—Turn on the Old Music Box; I've Got No Strings (both from "Punchinello") — Bob Chester and His Orchestra. Waltz—When Our Dreams Grow Old; Quickstep—On the Isle of May—Joe Loss and His Band. Fox-Trots—In A Little Rocky Valley; The Singing Hills—Jay Wilbur and His Band.

12.00 midnight. Close down.

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## SOCIAL LIFE OF CONSCRIPTS

### Movies, Songs And Hostesses

WASHINGTON. — Movies, amateur dramatics, books, games, songbooks and Army hostesses to supervise the social life of the enlisted men are all to be provided for National Guard and Elective Service trainees, as well as for the men of the Regular Army. This will be done by the Moral Division, recently set up in the office of the adjutant general. It was said by the War Department.

In all these various activities of the Moral Division, it was emphasized, the sole aim would be to strengthen the will and ability of the soldier to perform his military duties. It is believed, for instance, that Army song leaders will prove effective in creating and maintaining esprit de corps.

"A singing Army is a fighting Army," said Major Gen. Bell in the World War, and it is planned to publish an Army songbook to encourage the soldiers of 1940-41 to keep up the tradition. Mass singing under competent direction will be encouraged and many singers of national renown have volunteered their services in this connection.

### TYPICAL OFFERING

The Army motion picture service will provide moving pictures. A typical week's offering at an Army theatre includes three outstanding features and also a double feature. The service is being extended to the tent camps and cantonments which will house the National Guard and Elective Service trainees when they join the Army.

At each cantonment there will be two theatre buildings, each seating 1,000, and at larger tent camps "big top" tents will accommodate as many as 2,200. For troops in the field or at manoeuvres, mobile motion pictures will be available.

In World War days the Army hostess was a familiar figure. When the Army was demobilized in 1919 no new hostesses were appointed. The present programme provides for one chief hostess and two assistants at each larger camp. One assistant will supervise the cafeteria, the other will supervise social life.

With the exception of camps where Y.M.C.A. buildings or those of the American Red Cross already exist, supervision over welfare work in military reservations will be exercised by military personnel.

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## CAIRO & ALEXANDRIA RUMOURS OF HEADLONG ITALIAN RETREAT IN LIBYA

### Fascist Defeat Will Have World-Wide Repercussions

LONDON, Dec. 13 (REUTERS)—THE CRUSHING BLOWS ON SIGNOR MUSSOLINI'S ARMIES IN AFRICA ARE CALCULATED TO HAVE ALMOST A DECISIVE EFFECT UPON THE COURSE OF THE WAR, writes Reuter's Chief Diplomatic correspondent.

The Italian Fleet must now either accept battle or if Duce's legions in North Africa can be considered lost. Their offensive power has been destroyed at one fell blow while their menace to the Nile Valley no longer exists.

The Italian defeat will be felt politically not only in Europe but all over the East and Japan must now have cause to re-consider her hasty action in joining the Tripartite Pact.

Even assuming that violent domestic reactions do not upset the Fascist regime it is unlikely that it will get much help from the Germans and Japanese aid can be ruled out. Indeed, the question may arise whether the Pact holds good if one of the parties collapses.

#### INSPIRING EFFECT

The effect of the Italian reverses will be most inspiring in the Balkans. The Greeks will be encouraged to further acts of valour and the extent of the help Britain will be able to give may be increased while Yugoslavia's hands will be strengthened, the wisdom of Turkish policy justified and Axis propaganda in Bulgaria suffer a severe setback.

The many friends of Britain in France will derive fresh hope and encouragement from this British victory. It will increase France's value in German eyes but will make M. Laval's policy more unpopular and distasteful among the French people in general and the Army in particular.

#### SOVIET INTEREST

MOSCOW, Dec. 13 (Reuters)—Soviet interest in the fighting in North Africa is well reflected in the Press. The official Communist paper Pravda has as two main headlines across the foreign news page, "British Offensive in Western Desert" and "Italian Retreat in Albania."

British reports of the taking of Sidi Barrani are published at length with a description of the terrain and an account of how the Italians fortified the Sidi Barrani-Sollum area.

The Pravda then quotes the Easter Nachrichten for a statement that the war in Greece and the attack on Taranto are already having effect on the Italian army in Libya.

#### AMERICAN AID

Reports from New York regarding increased American aid for the British are also prominently published in the Moscow Press.

Trud concludes a long article by quoting the New York Herald Tribune as saying that the intensification of the struggle between Britain and Germany only increases the vital interest of the United States in the survival of Britain.

#### ITALIAN ROUT

CAIRO, Dec. 13 (Reuters)—The British offensive in the Western Desert is developing so fast that rumours of a headlong Italian retreat are circulating in Cairo and Alexandria. It is realised that British G.H.Q. communications tend to minimise our successes rather than to make claims until they have been confirmed beyond doubt.

It is thus reasonable to suppose that the figure of 20,000 prisoners given in the last communiqué is an under-estimate.

The speed of the offensive has meant that communications had hardly been issued before fresh important advances and captures were taking place. It may be days before the exact number of prisoners, guns and tanks, taken is known.

#### STAGGERING BLOW

As the picture of the first three days of fighting are fitted together at G.H.Q. from reports arriving from the desert front, it becomes evident that the Middle East Command, with a brilliant piece of strategy planned for many weeks, has delivered a blow against the Italians that may rock the foundations and edifice of the Fascist Empire.

There is already general speculation in Cairo whether the

Italians will have to relinquish their hold on Abyssinia.

#### EMPTY ASSURANCE

For months, the Italian morale in East Africa has been bolstered up by the empty assurance that Mussolini's army was ready to march to the Nile Delta at any moment to open up the Suez Canal.

But if the British offensive continues as satisfactorily as at present, the Italian army in Abyssinia may, it is suggested, throw in the sponge because of pressure being exerted by British forces already hammering at the frontier.

#### SIDI BARRANI DETAILS

Details of the operation enabling a British motorised division to penetrate to the coast and to cut off the Italian forces at Sidi Barrani, were revealed last night.

From the moment in September when General Graziani's troops reached Sidi Barrani, a famous mechanised regiment was given special instructions to harass the enemy as a specified point and to prevent them from completing the line of camps stretching from the coast to the southernmost camp.

#### INCESSANT ATTACKS

For weeks the mechanised units carried out incessant attacks in the north, resulting in many clashes with the invaders. They kept open the gap in the enemy's front positions, and frustrated all attempts to complete the chain of highly fortified camps.

At zero-hour on Sunday, the breach was still open, thanks to this regiment's persistent attacks, and motorised units were able to drive in according to plan.

## Gen. Hertzog Resigns From Parliament

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 13 (Reuters)—General Hertzog, former Prime Minister and later Leader of the Opposition, has resigned his membership of Parliament.

The resignation of Mr. Havenga, former Finance Minister under General Hertzog is also announced.

These developments follow General Hertzog's resignation from the leadership of the Re-United Nationalist Party, which was the official Opposition.

The news of the resignation appeared in a letter from General Hertzog and Mr. Havenga which was published in the ex-Prime Minister's own paper the Divided Land.

## BALKAN BLACK-OUT SUSPENDED

ISTANBUL, Dec. 13 (Reuters)—Lessening of the Balkan tension is given in political circles as the reason for the Government's decision to suspend total black-out.

Turkey's firm attitude, Greek successes and the attitude of Bulgaria and Yugoslavia all played a part in this detente.

Nevertheless, the state of siege recently decreed in European Turkey will be maintained.

#### ACTIVE DISCUSSION

SOEFA, Dec. 13 (Reuters)—Turkish and Bulgarian relations continue to be the subject of active discussion.

The Bulgarian Minister to Turkey, M. Kiroff, is stated to have arrived from Ankara with concrete Turkish proposals for a part of mutual assistance.

Discussions which are stated to have taken place between M. Kiroff and the Foreign Minister, M. Popoff, have evoked much speculation in political and diplomatic circles.

## Portuguese Interest In Anglo-Greek Successes

LISBON, Dec. 13 (Reuters)—The Portuguese are following the British and Greek victories with intense interest; crowds gather in the streets of Lisbon awaiting the issue of evening newspapers and eagerly read the news posted outside newspaper offices.

There is no departure from the order to maintain neutrality. Before showing war events, cinemas reproduce on the screen a warning against demonstrations of any sort.

An editorial in the "Diario Noticias" headed "When the Gods descend from Olympus" analyses the reasons which prompted Mussolini to embark on the Greek war, "which, apart from immense air forces, is costing him much of his prestige."

The writer concludes that reasons of a political nature must have urged him far more than strategic reasons.

"Mussolini's temperament required that Italy should have her own war, that Italian action should be individual, that Italy should have her own battlefield, her own enemy, her own position."

"Three or four weeks have placed a lamentable check to the efforts of 18 years of admirable political construction."

## NEW DEAL FOR U.S. WARSHIPS?

### PROPOSAL MADE TO STATE DEPARTMENT

OTTAWA, Dec. 13 (Reuters)—The feasibility of granting the United States a corridor for a road through British Columbia to Alaska in return for the transfer of more United States warships to Britain is being considered by the International Joint Commission of the British Columbia-Alaska Highway Project.

Officials declined to comment extensively on the proposal made to the State Department, Washington, that negotiations should be opened for such an exchange.

However, one official said that a deal of this nature was "active" in British Columbia and parts of the United States.

## DISTURBANCES IN IND-CHINA

### Demonstrators And Police Clash

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuters)—Serious disturbances in French Indo-China were mentioned by the announcer on the Lyons wireless last night.

He said that clashes occurred recently in Saigon and in seven provinces between armed forces and demonstrators, said to be communists.

It was added that damage was done to civil, administrative and private buildings. A number of bridges were destroyed and communications were cut.

Order was restored by soldiers, police and marines, but there were wounded on both sides.

The measures taken by the local government, he concluded, have resulted in the suppression of these "subversive movements."

## Further Soviet Aid To Aid

SHANGHAI, Dec. 13 (Reuters)—Well-informed circles in Chungking revealed the Soviet Ambassador is keeping in touch with the Chinese Government in taking further steps to assist China, states the Sinwanyehpao.

The negotiations are not limited to Soviet economic assistance but include the Soviet proposal for aerial assistance as well, it is claimed.

The Chinese Ambassador in Moscow is also said to be consulting with the Moscow authorities on the same subject.

## GERM OF CIVIL WAR IS HATCHING IN FRANCE

MADRID, Dec. 13 (Reuters)—"Anyone who thinks that the De Gaulle Movement is just a matter of a few rebel generals knows little of the situation" declares the Paris correspondent of the Spanish newspaper Ya.

The correspondent continues that the De Gaulle Movement represents considerably more.

It gives energy "to the germ of civil war which is hatching in France and which only the German army of occupation forestalls."

He also adds that surprise is expressed in Paris that General De Gaulle, Gen. Catroux and Gen. Legentilhomme have only recently been deprived of French citizenship by the Vichy Government but notes that Vichy is showing tardy signs of taking serious steps against the De Gaulle Government.

Paris, he says, is discussing a possible further reshuffle in the Vichy Government by which M. Aubrey would leave the Cabinet and M. Pierre Flandin would become Minister of Interior while M. Peyrou would become a Minister.

## FIVE ENEMY RAIDERS DESTROYED

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuters)—Four British fighters shot down three German aircraft yesterday morning when small formations of enemy fighters and fighter-bombers crossed the Kent coast flying towards London and dropped a small number of bombs on the outskirts of the London area, the Air Ministry announced.

The bombs did little damage and caused only a few casualties.

One German bomber was also shot down off the south-west coast yesterday morning and one was destroyed during Wednesday night.

In all these operations the British fighters suffered no loss.

## Nazi U-Boats Provisioned Off Cuba

HAVANA, Dec. 13 (Reuters)—Allegation that German submarines are being provisioned off the shores of Cuba by ships of neutral countries calling here was made in the Cuban House of Representatives yesterday.

The allegation was made by Senor Chibas in a speech supporting a motion to send Congressional felicitations to President Roosevelt on his re-election.

Senor Chibas accused "fifth columnists" of attacking the diplomatic residence of a great and friendly Power and stealing documents from there. He did not name the friendly Power concerned.

## REBUILDING OF HAMBURG

BERLIN, Dec. 12 (Reuters)—A large part of the rebuilding of Hamburg may be done by Danes—the German official news agency yesterday mentioned a plan to use Danish architects, engineers and workmen for this purpose.

Successful negotiations are stated to have taken place between the Hamburg and Danish authorities and in the New Year about 1,000 Danish workmen will go to Hamburg.

Twenty-two Danish firms have taken part in the negotiations. Military targets in the Hamburg area have been the objectives of frequent attacks by the R.A.F.

## HUNGARY, YUGOSLAVIA FRIENDSHIP PACT

### New Contribution To Peace In South-Eastern Europe

BERLIN, Dec. 13 (Reuters)—The Hungarian-Yugoslav Friendship Pact was signed in Belgrade yesterday evening according to a dispatch to the German news agency.

The treaty was signed by Count Cseky and M. Markovitch and consists of the following three articles.

Firstly, it declares that permanent peace and eternal friendship will exist between the two countries.

Secondly, the signatories agree to consult on all problems affecting mutual relations, and, Thirdly, the Pact will be ratified at a very early date and come into force as soon as it is ratified.

BELGRADE COMMENTS

BELGRADE, Dec. 13 (Reuters)—Axis propagandists will doubtless interpret the Yugoslav-Hungarian Treaty as indicating Yugoslavia's advance to the Axis, according to political circles here.

Observers in Belgrade, however, do not believe that the signing of the Treaty means more than the intense desire of Yugoslavia to maintain peace, and, on Hungary's side, to attempt to find some, even if an uneasy basis, for her foreign policy outside the stranglehold embrace of Axis emendations.

CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE

Following the signing of the Hungarian-Yugoslav treaty, of friendship Count Cseky, Hungarian Foreign Minister, and M. Cincir Markovitch, Yugoslav Foreign Minister, both emphasised in statement to the press that the Treaty was a new contribution to the maintenance of peace in south-east Europe.

M. Markovitch described the Treaty as a new contribution to

## CHRISTMAS COMFORTS

The equivalent of £3,520 11s. was collected in Shanghai by the Central British War Fund Christmas appeal.

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## MUSIC HALL 1940:

CLEVER PRESENTATION  
AT CHINA FLEET CLUBHarry Jordan & His Melody  
Makers The Star Turn:  
Eileen Grant Scores Hit

BY "PRUDENCE"

A great many clever people conspired over the production of the topical revue MUSIC HALL 1940, which opened at The China Fleet Club last night, but the result can be summed up in a single word. It was SUPERLATIVE.

It has "what it takes" to please even the most blasé audience. (and be it spoken with bated breath—Hongkong audiences are said to be hard to please)—well, they should be more than pleased this time. They should be enthusiastic!

Rumour has it that the A.D.C. had something in hand for December, which they kindly postponed, in order to leave the stage free for "Music Hall." If so, they will feel rewarded by the knowledge that they gave place to something very well worth seeing.

Presented by all ranks of The Hongkong Garrison, in aid of the British War Organisation and Bomber Fund, it had, perforce, to take place before the Troops went into camp, and it is an effort of which the Service can justly feel proud.

Among the many who were present last night was His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., accompanied by Captain Battys-Smith, and others.

Although he does not feature till the close of the programme, pride of place must go to Harry (Elits) Jordan, and his Melody Makers, who appear in all their glory in a stage-set of real Hollywood type. "We take off our hats to the artistic designer of this delightful scene, with its monster organ pipes, frosted with snow, shining music-stands and sparkling centre-piece. In this appropriate setting the Melody-Makers gave all they had, and won tumultuous applause.

"OH JOHNNIE OH"  
Eileen Grant will long be remembered for her lively singing of "Oh Johnnie Oh" and so will those provocative "Houries," the Soloists, and all the rest.

Quite the funniest of many amusing sketches was the priceless effort, which, showed British Soldiers, making their last stand on a lonely Frontier Post (complete with automatic Union Jack, German Parachutist, Runner, and others of The Krazy Gang). This was admirably played, and was one long laugh from start to finish.

Much of the fun of the evening was provided by a most attractive "Comper" (R.E.T. St. John) who had a great deal to endure, at the hands of "Interrupters" of every kind—notably B. Ross, whose laudable determination to tell the story of The Three Bears was consistently frustrated. I think Hongkong should send in a round-robin, asking that he be allowed to finish it on the last night!

LATIN WISE-CRACKS  
Another great success was scored by St. John and Colquhoun, in a clever impersonation called "The Wanchai Brothers." Very topical, and full of the latest Latin wise-cracks. Z.B.W. please note this would make an excellent radio-tour, for one of our long winter evenings!

The Duncalster Co. put on two excellent little sketches. The first in an artist's studio, where we kept hoping to see "just a little bit more" of Jill Bevis as the artist model, and where Lundy Duncan was simply splendid as the father of an all-too-modest-maiden, and looked so exactly like pictures of Taffy-Tye-Laird, that we feel sure he must know his "Taffy" by heart.

"OUR SHEILA"  
The second sketch was called "Family Group" in which that versatile young lady Sheila MacKinlay played the part of the Mother in the genuine Gracie Fields style, and was so good that she is probably now in danger of being known, locally, as "Our Sheila."

"As for 'Gran-ma'—could it be—yes, it was indeed Hongkong's most cynical young actor, Donald MacAllister, giving the impersonation of his life in the part of a malicious old dame! A wonderful character-study, most brilliantly played.

The role of a French Photographer was cleverly done by Jack Wedderburn, while Rita Cole, George Ingoby, and Jill Bevis gave excellent support as Aunt Martha, a henpecked husband, and a terrible child: all extremely true to life.

THE GREAT KIFFO  
The Great Kiff did some puzzling conjuring tricks in most professional style, producing a number of birds from nowhere (all very much alive—o) as well as a synthetic and sympathetic assistant, in the person of pretty Lara Tsear.

This clever turn was followed by a bogus conjurer, and gave B.

Not very good at it, You can't even make a success of it

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A stall at the bazaar.—(King's Studio).

H.K. Chinese  
Women's  
Club Bazaar

The Hongkong Chinese Women's Club held their annual bazaar at St. John's Hall yesterday morning.

Mrs. W. T. Stanton opened the bazaar and Little Miss 'Avis' Chan (Tin Yow) presented Mrs. Stanton with a hand-bag made by the South China Industrial Refugee workers.

## WELL PATRONISED

The eight stalls were all well patronised, the most popular being the Cake and Sweet Stall, in charge of Mrs. H. Ching. The Table Golf drew many visitors who competed cheerfully for the prizes offered.

The Children's and Dolls Stall found quite a number of patrons who were delighted with the handwork on sale.

## THE STALLS

The following were the stalls and names of stall-holders:—

The Handkerchief Stall, Mrs. Winnie Ng Quin; St. Paul's Girls' Toy Stall, Dr. Katie Woo; Knitted Goods, Miss Mae Yung; Children's Toy and Dolls, Mrs. Pauline Yee; Jumble Stall, Mrs. Tang Chue; Cake Stall, Mrs. H. Ching and a Curio Stall.

cidental music was delightfully played by the Band of the 1st Batt. of the Middlesex Regt. under the leadership of W. E. Kifford A.R.C.M.

There will be further performances in aid of the B.W.O. and Bomber Fund on Saturday and Sunday evenings. So book your seats everybody, while there is still time, for there is no doubt whatever that "MUSIC HALL 1940" is going to be absolutely "Tops" this week-end.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS  
Several Men Sentenced  
On Robbery Counts

"You have all pleaded guilty to a series of very serious offences, and I have to pass a severe sentence on all of you," said the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when LI CHAU, alias Mo Lo-issai, CHAN YAU, TANG PING, and TANG YUNG, alias Tang Kum-lung, alias Tang Chan-li, pleaded guilty to the charges of robbery by two or more and in the case of the first three defendants, unlawful possession of arms and ammunition.

All four accused were charged with robbing one Li Tim, at Ha Tea village, Tai-po, on Oct. 17, of \$18 in Hongkong currency, one gold finger-ring, and one mahjong set; first three defendants were additionally charged with unlawful possession of arms and ammunition at Wong Choi Cheung village on Nov. 6; and second, third and fourth defendants were further charged with robbing one Kong Wun, on Oct. 17, of one canvas bag containing \$39 in Hongkong currency and one ticket-punch.

First defendant was sentenced to two years' hard labour on the first count and three months on the second; second to two years on the first, three months on the second, and twelve months on the third; third to three years; and fourth defendant to two years.

MRS BAY CASE  
Fu Sang and Cheung Ying-toi, alias Cheung Fal-kwan, were sentenced to two years and three months hard labour, each, when they pleaded guilty, before the Chief Justice yesterday to the charges of robbery, by two or more, and unlawful possession of two rifles, 48 rounds rifle ammunition, 44 rounds of revolvers, 200 rounds of two hand grenades, at Mrs Bay, on November 21.

NOT VERY GOOD AT IT  
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Not very good at it, You can't even make a success of it

ROUND THE  
POLICE  
COURTS

## AT CENTRAL

## LARCENY BY TRICK

Chan Mei-mei, 24, spinster, of No. 79 Electric Road, first floor, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday with larceny by a trick of \$1 from Chan Yin-fung, spinster, of No. 11 Tang Lung Street, and \$2 from Ho See, also a spinster, of No. 406 Lockhart Road.

She was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour on each charge, the sentences to run consecutively. She had a previous conviction of larceny from her own sister a month ago.

Sgt. Bentley prosecuted. GAOL TERM FOR DEPORTEE  
Charged with larceny of a quantity of electric wire from No. 2 Jubilee Street, second floor, Wong Shun, 39, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday when he was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Det. Sgt. W. Summers prosecuted, said that Yip Yam, complainant, residing at the above address, woke up on the night of Dec. 12 to find the light on out all of a sudden. On hearing noises in the stairway, he went out and saw a person rolling up the detached wire, which was produced in the hearing to give evidence. He immediately gave chase and defendant was arrested by a Chinese sub-inspector who was on duty nearby.

On an additional charge of breach of the Deportation Ordinance, defendant was given a further sentence of 4 months' hard labour to run consecutively with the first terms.

## CRICKETER FINED

Charged with breach of black-out regulations, M. P. Madar, of No. 8 Fuk Kwan Avenue, Tai Hang Hill, second floor, appeared before Mr. T. J. Gould yesterday. Sgt. D. A. Pockson prosecuted, and Mr. A. el Arculli appeared for defendant.

Sgt. Pockson said that at 9.15 p.m. on Oct. 28, Tham Shu-wah, Deputy District Air Raid Warden, saw light shown out from a side rear window on the second floor.

Defendant said that only one light remained on after 9 p.m., and this was a blue A. R. P. lamp in the bedroom. No light in the rest of the house was on.

A. H. Madar, brother of defendant, said that he heard people on the streets shouting "switch off light" once, but could not tell for sure the exact time. He did not do anything about it because he thought the yells were not intended for them.

Mr. el Arculli submitted that the warden was mistaken in seeing light coming out from the second floor.

Mr. Gould imposed a fine of \$5.

## AT KOWLOON

GAOLED FOR THREATENING  
Wong Lung, 25, Wan Wai-shan, 31 and Hui Cheung, 31, alleged to belong to some Chinese Societies, were each sentenced to three months' hard labour, to be followed by expulsion, by Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday for threatening three Chinese with intent to force them to join the Cheung Lok and Fei Fu Societies.

The complainants were Cheung Sam, Li Tin and Yu Chun.

WIDOW FINED  
Lai Man, 45, widow, was charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with unlawful transfer, or possession or custody of a boy, under the age of 16, without notifying the S.C.A., and was fined \$40 or a month's imprisonment.

STUDENT IN COURT  
An 18-year-old student, Yu Yuen-kai, was charged with possession of a camera in a protected area, Gramplan Road, near Ngau Tsi Wan Road, before Mr. Himsforth yesterday, and was remanded 24 hours.

THEFT FROM GODOWNS  
Tsim Fu, 32, charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with larceny of a quantity of cotton yarn from the Kowloon Godowns and with trespassing in a protected area, was ordered to sign a personal bond of \$10 on the first charge and cautioned on the second.

Facing similar charges, Cheung Kan, 28, coolie, was sentenced to eight weeks' hard labour.

EXPULSED FROM COLONY  
Tsang Ng, 32, unemployed, was charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with stealing a drain pipe from the Kowloon Godowns about 1.15 a.m. yesterday morning, and was bound over and is to be expelled.

STRUCK AGED WOMAN  
That the defendant should be ashamed of himself for assaulting an aged woman was the remark made by Mr. Macfadyen yesterday when Yung See, 22, appeared before him on an assault charge. He was ordered to sign a personal bond of \$10 and to pay \$3 compensation to the complainant, or six days' hard labour.

BLACK-OUT OFFENCES  
No less than 33 summonses for black-out offence were heard before Mr. Macfadyen yesterday.

Chue Sau-ying, principal tenant of No. 812, Canton Road, was summoned for showing a light from the verandah.

Insp. A. Wright said that the defendant had been warned four times in the course of the night. The defendant was fined \$10.

Fines ranging from \$5 to \$15 were imposed on other offenders.

Owing to the fact that many air raid warden were absent from Court several defendants were discharged.

POSSESSION OF WARD  
Charged with unlawful possession of a ward, a travelling trader, Tang Tuen, 33, was fined \$30, or six weeks' imprisonment, when he appeared before Mr. Macfadyen yesterday. Insp. G. W. Moreton, of the S.C.A., prosecuted.

Li Ho, a boatwoman, and three others were cautioned by the Marine Magistrate, Comdr. J. Jolly, yesterday when they appeared at the Marine Court on a charge of boarding a Dutch vessel at A' Buoy without the permission of the master or the officer in charge.

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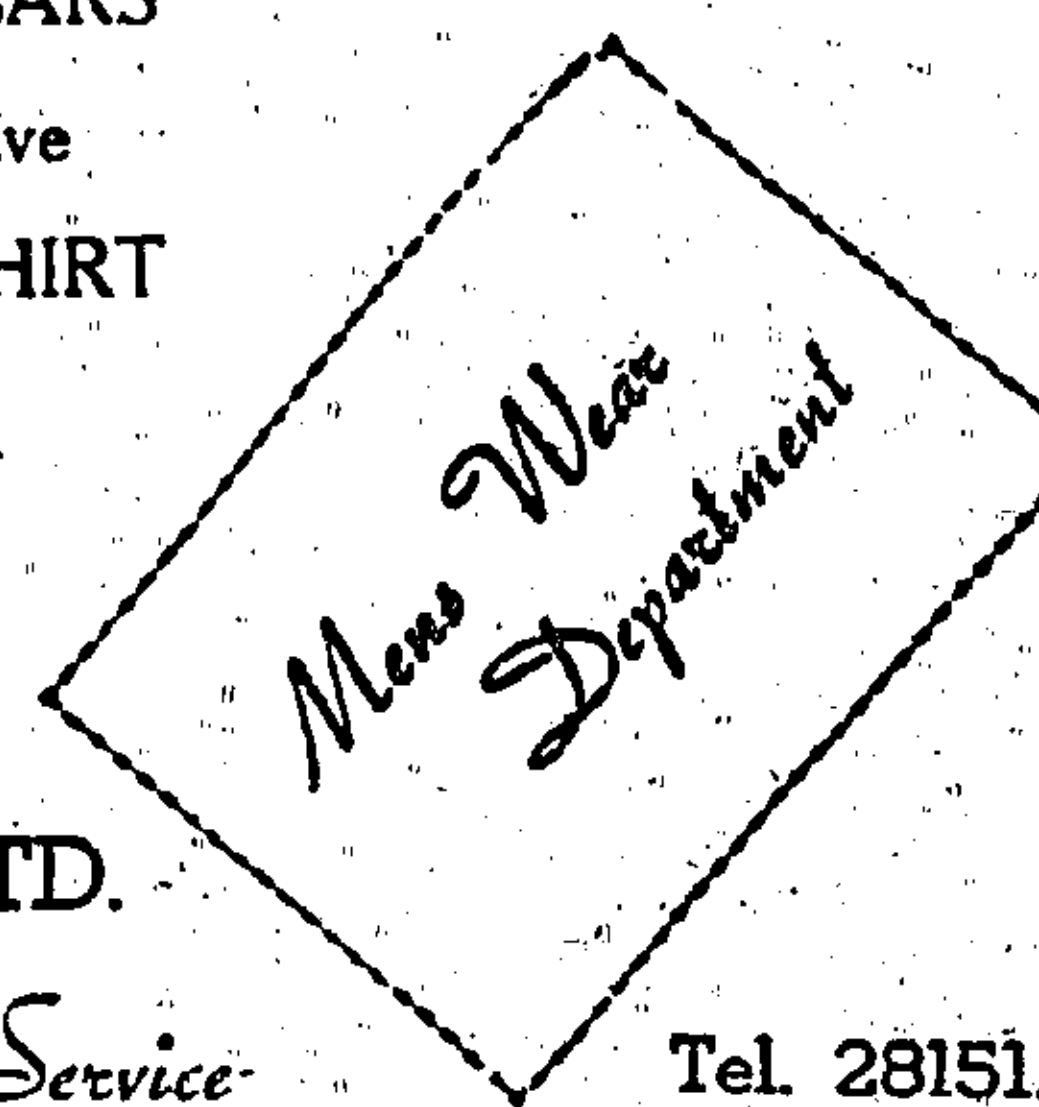
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Failure to pay the above fee on or before 30th December, this year, will result in the automatic removal of the name of the person concerned from the Dental Register in accordance with the following Section of the Registration of Dentists Ordinance:—

"Section 11 (4). The name of any registered dentist who fails to obtain an annual practising certificate prior to the commencement of any year shall be removed from the register."

P. S. SELWYN-CLARKE,  
Director of Medical Services.  
12th December, 1940.

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By Order of the Court of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,  
Chief Manager.

## WANG DENOUNCED

Gen. Sheng Shih-tsai, Border Defence Commissioner for Sinkiang and concurrently Chairman of the Sinkiang Provincial Government, in a circular telegram issued on Dec. 7, bitterly denounced Wang Ching-wei for his treasonous activities against the State, which, he said, have aroused nation-wide indignation. Gen. Sheng pledged to lead the armed forces and the people of Sinkiang to campaign against the Wang-Japanese "sell-out" treaty, the puppet regime in Nanking and Wang's illegal assumption of the chairmanship of the National Government.

Under the leadership and direction of the Central Government in Chungking, Gen. Sheng said that he will exert his utmost to resist the Japanese invaders to the end in order to expel them from the country.—(Central News).

A woman, Lam Tai, 40, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday afternoon by her husband, after she had taken an overdose of quinine. On admission she was found to be dead.

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## THE DESERT ROUT

THE DRAMATIC SUCCESS which has attended the British operations against the Italians in the Western Desert cannot be exaggerated and the effect of this "victory of the first order," as Mr. Winston Churchill described it, cannot be minimised in its relation to the bigger issues of the war, against the totalitarian Powers. What the British forces responsible for this remarkable feat have done is to render Italy practically impotent as a factor in the hostilities undertaken against the Axis and this has resulted in a definite veering round of the balance of power in favour of Britain and her allies. It is undoubtedly a crippling blow to Italy's fighting strength and it is impossible to see how she can usefully serve Germany's purpose any more without causing serious difficulties to Herr Hitler's own position. If anything should influence the German Fuehrer against trying to help his ally it is this crowning debacle of Italian inefficiency and military blundering.

IN CREDITING the British forces in Egypt with this signal success, it should not be forgotten the important contribution given by the Greeks to this outcome. If the Greek army had not resisted so valiantly the attempts made by the Italians to invade their oil and if they had not been able to turn the Italian attack so completely as they have done, with the aid that Britain was able to give them, this opportunity of taking the offensive against the Italian forces in the African theatre of war might never have been presented to the British. The Greek victories thus became the turning point of the battle for supremacy in the Mediterranean and the British lost no time in pushing the advantage home with a success that has now become clearly apparent. The fact that the British attack took the Italians by surprise is further proof that not only did the Italian command fail to realise the possible repercussions to their failure in Greece, but that this lack of military foresight was in all probability due to dissensions between their army leaders and the Fascist regime.

WHILE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE at this stage to envisage to what an extent the British operations will be continued, it is even more difficult to see what Signor Mussolini and his advisers can do to stop the rot that has set in against him. With his forces in Africa practically cut off from their home country and his troops in Albania falling headlong back before the advancing Greeks, with no prospects of his being able to do anything to relieve the situation, Il Duce's position is admittedly the most unenviable one in the history of warfare between nations. There appears to be only one course left open to him and that is to command—and he will assuredly have to be more violent than he has ever been to get his commands carried out—his navy to steam out of

GOVT. ORDER IGNORED  
BY MONEY CHANGERSExcessive Premium Charged:  
20 Shops Heavily Fined

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF 20 MONEY CHANGER SHOPS IN THE COLONY were DEFENDANTS ON A CHARGE OF DEMANDING FROM THEIR CLIENTS A HIGHER PREMIUM on changing one denomination of H. K. currency into copper coins than Government's premium of half of one per cent, which order had appeared in the July 28, 1940 issue of the Government Gazette, when they were summoned before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

The shops in question were the Tung Hing at No. 64 Connaught Road C.; the Hip Yick at No. 127 of the same road; the Lung Shun at No. 127 of the same road; the Yick Chuan at No. 129 of the same road; the Yau-mat Ferry Wharf Shop at Y. F. W.; the Wing Kee at No. 227 Queen's Road W.; the Man Kheung at No. 239 of the same road; the Li Hing at No. 245 of the same road; the Hip Shun at No. 289 of the same road; the Wah Hang at No. 228 Des Voeux Road C.; the Cheung Kee at No. 40 of the same road; the Kwai Kee at No. 82 of the same road; the Sang Cheong at No. 46 of the same road; the Fu Kee at No. 3 Wing Lok St.; the Liu Kee at No. 333 Queen's Road C.; the Lo Yick Kee at No. 138 Queen's Road E.; the Tai Shun at No. 204A of the same road; the Tung

Kee at No. 128 Johnston Road; the Siu Kee at No. 122 of the same road and the Li Kee at No. 120 of the same road.

PREMIUM CHARGED  
Twelve of the shops were alleged to have charged six cents premium on \$2, or two and a half per cent, above the rate set by Government, three charged four cents, or one and a half per cent, three charged five cents, or two per cent, while the remaining two charged two cents, or point five per cent, above the official rate.

Mr. F. W. Shaftain, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence (Crime), assisted by Inspector J. O'Donovan, prosecuted.

He suggested that the Magistrate take a serious view of the case because in issuing a premium list daily they had deliberately defied the Government order.

RESPONSIBLE FOR SHORTAGE  
He also added that their hoarding of copper coins had been the cause for the great shortage of copper cents recently felt in the Colony.

After the hearing, all defendants pleading guilty, Mr. Lowry imposed a fine of \$80 on second and third defendants, \$90 on 13th and 18th defendants, while the others were fined \$100.

SEVEN MONTHS'  
HARD LABOURUTTERED FORGED  
BANKNOTE

Lau Yat-chung was sentenced to seven months' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when a majority verdict of guilty was returned by the jury on a charge of uttering a forged \$10 note of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at an eating house in Reclamation Street on Nov. 28, and a unanimous verdict of guilty on the count of possession of the note.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, assisted by Det. Sgt. N. B. Fraser, prosecuted. The jury empanelled comprised of Messrs. Robert Choa (Foreman), Paul Tang, Abdul Currem, A. K. Ismail, William Ning, Wat Kwing-kay and William Sue Ing.

their hiding place and give battle to the British Mediterranean Fleet. This is his only chance to help his beleaguered troops whom he has driven into war much against their will and he should take it, if he has any feelings of humanity left in him, instead of leaving his men to face complete annihilation.

THIS WILL SETTLE the Mediterranean issue once and for all—not that it is in any doubt still—and the result is not difficult to foresee. In the meantime, Signor Mussolini will doubtless make yet another frantic appeal for aid to Herr Hitler, though how far the Nazi fanatic will be prepared to stand by his pledges to his Italian partner remains to be seen. Herr Hitler will probably resort to another spell of diplomatic manoeuvring in order to try and enlist further aid for himself and Il Duce, but the rebuffs he has already received make his chances of securing this very remote indeed. When he is convinced of the impossibility of drawing any other dupes into his fold, he might unleash the full force of his fury on Britain, whose defeat he has now recognised, must precede anything else that he may have in mind—a possibility, incidentally, that recedes further and further as day succeeds day. There is, however, no turning back for him now and he will be forced to go on until he and his hateful regime has been brought to dust.

CRIMINAL  
SESSIONS

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with nine strokes of the cane on Tai Fa.

ROBBED TAXI DRIVER  
Li Ching, Li Tsai, and Li Sim alias Li Ka-sim, were arraigned before Sir Atholl MacGregor yesterday, on a charge of robbery, by two or more, from Mak Sul-tong, a taxi-cab driver, of 53 cents, one silver finger-ring, and one fountain pen on Nov. 10. Li Ching and Li Sim were additionally charged with attempting to rob Ko Cheung-kwok at Tai Hang on Nov. 14.

First and third defendants were each sentenced to 2½ years' hard labour. Second accused was sentenced to two years' hard labour.

FORGED BANKNOTES  
Sentence of 12 months' hard labour was imposed on Cheng Shui when he pleaded guilty to the charge of possession of four 10-yuan notes of the Bank of Communications, one \$1 Hongkong Government note, and one \$50 note of the Chartered Bank of India, China and Australasia, knowing them to be forgeries, on Nov. 13.

Tang Cheuk and Cheng Hoi, charged with Cheng Shui on the count of possession of a forged Hongkong Government \$1 note, pleaded not guilty and on the Crown offering no evidence against them, were discharged.

Chan Sang, who pleaded guilty to the possession of five forged \$10 banknotes of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp., on Nov. 27, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour by the Chief Justice.

POSTMAN GAOLED.

Lam Chung, postman, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by the Chief Justice yesterday when he pleaded guilty to the unlawful possession of two letters, at Kowloon, on Nov. 27.

When asked by his Lordship why he did it, Lam stated that it was only a mistake on his part.

HEAVY GAOL TERMS FOR BANISHEES

Sentences totalling seven and a half years were passed on five returned banishees when they pleaded guilty before the Chief Justice yesterday.

Lau Chung, who was banished for life on June 8 last, was sent to prison for 12 months, with hard labour.

Ho Ngan, with eight previous convictions, caused some amusement when, in reply to the charge, he said, "I ask your Lordship to banish me to Macao, otherwise I will return again."

In passing sentence of 12 months' hard labour, his Lordship remarked, "You may get to Macao one day."

Yeung Wing, banished for life, was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour.

DISGRACEFUL RECORD

"This is a disgraceful record. You have had nine convictions during the past ten years. I hope that at the expiry of your sentence machinery will be in existence in the Colony to prevent your return to the Colony," said his Lordship when sentencing Wong Sin, alias Wong Sang, alias Wong Hin, to two years' hard labour.

Li Kwai, alias Chau Fu, alias Li Sang, alias Li Choi, who returned from life banishment, was also sentenced to two years' hard labour.

POSSESSION OF ARMS

Lau Fan, alias Lau Sang, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour when he pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of a revolver and six rounds of ammunition at Lun Fuk Tan village, Tai-po, on Nov. 20.

CLIPPER DUE THIS  
MORNING

In order to make up time on the homeward trip of the CALIFORNIA CLIPPER, the Clipper will arrive in Hongkong this morning, at approximately 10.30 a.m., departing again for Manila at 12 noon.

The Hongkong General Post Office advises that registered mails will close at the General Post Office at 8 a.m. this morning, while regular mails will close at 8.30 a.m. The California Clipper is scheduled to arrive in San Francisco on December 21.

The PHILIPPINE CLIPPER is scheduled to arrive in Hongkong on Dec. 17 and will leave the following morning.

DEEDS, NOT WORDS: HERR  
HITLER'S ADVICE FOLLOWED  
IN DESERT OPERATIONS

"While Herr Hitler was telling his people on Tuesday last that this was a time for deeds and not talking, Mr. Winston Churchill was talking calmly about the way in which General Wavell's army was following Herr Hitler's advice about deeds instead of speeches," said MR. VERNON BARTLETT, the well-known journalist-M.P., when he spoke in London yesterday.

Mr. Bartlett started his talk by referring to a passage in Herr Hitler's speech in which he said that the air war against Britain would be waged with all the material, all the determination and all the courage at the disposal of the Germans.

HITLER'S INCONSISTENCY  
Mr. Bartlett pointed out how these words lost their force when Herr Hitler followed them up with such phrases as "if we are vanquished in this struggle" and "I shall continue the struggle to my last breath."

"Herr Hitler now talks of the possibility of the British invading the continent," said Mr. Bartlett, and went on to declare that Herr Hitler's explanation as to the reasons for his air raids on Britain was that the responsibility for this was the British raids on civilians in Germany.

"This means that his people are more demoralised by our air bombings, than we are by his," said Mr. Bartlett. "Herr Hitler also said that he did his best to avoid the bombing of civilians, but obviously that argument was meant for his own people, because it cannot carry any conviction outside Germany."

THE OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

Mr. Bartlett referred to the passage in Herr Hitler's speech in which he said where a German soldier stands today, no other soldier will ever set foot.

"What does that mean?" asked Mr. Bartlett. "It means the annexation of all those territories now under German occupation. The Norwegians and others who were assured that they were merely under German protection in order to save them from the British, will soon know that this protection means the complete incorporation of their countries into the Reich."

As far as France was concerned, Mr. Bartlett stated that M. Laval's point of view on this was that if Britain won the war, France would anyhow be restored to her proper place and if Britain lost, France would get better terms from Herr Hitler because the French had helped him.

GERMAN RULE

Mr. Bartlett also drew attention to Herr Hitler's words that in Germany the people rule the state. "The rule of the people is so complete," Mr. Bartlett commented, "that they cannot even hint at criticism without ending up in a concentration camp!"

"It would almost seem by this statement," said Mr. Bartlett, "that Herr Hitler is trying to push the responsibility for his various mistakes off his own shoulders and on to his people."

"He said that this was no time for speeches but for deeds and then there followed a few hours more of speeches. In the meanwhile, Mr. Churchill was talking calmly about the way in which Gen. Wavell's army was following Herr Hitler's advice about deeds instead of speeches."

DESERT VICTORY

Mr. Bartlett proceeded to comment on the brilliant victory of the British forces in the desert operations. He declared that the operation was planned with all care to avoid making the mistake that the Italians made of having long lines of communication across a waterless desert. There would not, he said, be anything spectacular in these operations for a little time until the present position was consolidated.

"I feel I am justified in saying, however, that the danger of a successful Italian invasion against Egypt has disappeared," said Mr. Bartlett. "The famous pincer movement which was to close on Palestine and the Suez Canal has refused to function."

## HEALTH RETURNS.

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified at Havering occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on Dec. 12:—Cholera, one case; Enteric Fever, five cases; Measles, four cases; Chicken-Pox, two cases; Dysentery, six cases; Tuberculosis, 22 cases.

Mr. Bartlett declared that the situation in Abyssinia, Somaliland and Eritrea was no more cheerful for the Italians and referred to the manner and method with which Signor Mussolini had secured his gains in those areas.

"His victory in Abyssinia has never been complete," said Mr. Bartlett, "and Abyssinia may yet become the graveyard of thousands of his unhappy soldiers. Such a man, indeed, has no claims to admiration and sympathy and he must now take what comes to him."

LORD LOTHIAN

In concluding his talk, Mr. Bartlett referred to the death of Lord Lothian. "He would have been glad to realise," said Mr. Bartlett, "that his last service to Britain was to have written the speech which was read at Baltimore."

"It is a tribute to him that he could have filled such a position in the United States and could use such outspoken language with such success. He was one of the men who could have made a good job which will soon confront us—the job of making peace."

WHAT THEY  
ARE SAYING  
ABOUT—  
WAR AIMS:

MR. HERBERT MORRISON, M.P., who recently defined Britain's war aims is referred to as a man with a pugnacious spirit and as one of the first men to become prominent in Mr. Churchill's field.

Mr. Morrison defined Herr Hitler's war aims in one word—"Destruction." Herr Hitler, he said, planned to push Europe back several centuries.

Fortunately, there is a profound knowledge in Britain about such aims which mean nothing more than a choice between the concentration camp and death and every Briton would prefer death to taking a chance with Herr Hitler's regime.

Mr. Morrison, in defining Britain's war aims, said that the first thing to do is to take the Tommy-gun away from the international gangster and to make sure that never again can a power with a bomber force terrorise civilians.

We shall hear of Mr. Morrison again and he is one who will not rest until he makes his terms come true.

## FREE FRANCE:

A LONDONER gives us an account of an interesting visit which he paid to the headquarters of the Free French Forces in the city. "I wondered," he said, "as I looked at the building with curiosity, how free they are in the real sense of the word."

He decided to find out and addressed the officer in charge. "Of course, we are free," he was told. And in that building he found soldiers, sailors and merchant seamen of the Free French forces. They were all in uniform, except the merchant seamen and they were all united on one issue: Herr Hitler must be beaten and driven out of France.

Yes, the Free French forces still remain. "I am proud to have met them," said the Londoner. "All honour to them for uniting to save their country and their liberty."

## BRITISH SPIRIT:

HERE is a story about the real British spirit.

A little boy, who had been forced to spend his nights in a basement after his home had been wrecked by a Nazi bomb, looked round the bare room, with no fireplace or windows and remarked: "I really don't know how Santa Claus is ever going to get down here. He hasn't even got a chimney to climb down."

This is the spirit that helps to keep the moral balance in a world that badly needs it.





Mr. Cheung Chung-sing and his bride, formerly Miss Cace Yau-hing.—(King Studio).

### THREE WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

The following marriages took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday:—

Mr. Cheung Chung-sing, of No. 255, Queen's Road East, and Miss Tsui Woon-hung, of No. 161, Johnston Road.

Mr. Lee Chung-ping, draughtsman of the South China Iron Works, Tsun Wan, and Miss Wong Duck-chong, of No. 496, Nathan Road.

Mr. Chan Ying-kwong, merchant, residing at No. 4, Kwong Yuen St., and Miss Sum Suk-ying, residing at the Luk Hoi Tung Hotel.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—

Mr. Fun Kwong-chak, clerk of the China Light and Power Co. Ltd., and residing at No. 8, Shephard Street, Tai Hang, and Miss Chan Kam-ping, teacher, of No. 6, Perfection Place, Tai Hang.

Mr. Tjay-Liong Tjan, electrician of a certain Dutch liner, and Miss Chan Kwan-ching, of No. 13, Morrison Hill Road.

### CZAR OF GAMBLING GUILTY

William R. Johnson, pictured by Federal prosecutors as "czar" of Chicago's organized gambling, was convicted in Chicago on charges of evading income taxes. Five of eight co-defendants were found guilty of aiding Johnson in his efforts to defraud the government of \$1,887,864 in taxes on a 1936-39 income of \$3,377,615.

The jury deliberated the case twelve hours. Johnson was convicted on all five counts lodged against him, as were Jack Sommers, James A. Hartigan, John M. Flanagan and William P. Kelly. Each is liable to a maximum prison term of twenty-two years and a \$10,000 fine.

Stuart Brown, another defendant, was convicted on two counts. Edward Wark, Andrew J. Creighton and Reginald MacKay were acquitted.

### GREEK ARMY ADVANCING ON CHIMARA

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The Greek Army continues to retain the initiative, writes Reuter's correspondent with the Greek Army, and all along the 80-mile battle front it is fighting successfully and all Italian counter attacks have been repulsed.

The left wing of the Greek army, said a spokesman in Athens, is continuing its advance towards Chimara, a coastal town on the Adriatic 20 miles north of Santa-Quaranta.

Further to the right the Italians at some places put up a very stiff resistance before they were finally dislodged from their positions with heavy losses.

### CRACK ALPINE CORPS

The Italians employed the crack Alpine Corps in keen fighting in the coastal sector round Tepelini where a colonel is understood to

### ON IMPORTANT BUSINESS

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any details whatsoever of the destination or purpose of the flight. Capt. Drury said that the Duke was expected to return to Miami soon, the statement added.

The Duchess of Windsor will remain in hospital until the Duke returns. Capt. Drury will accompany His Royal Highness.

### DEFENCE INSPECTION

On board the U.S.S. MAYPAC at sea, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has ended his defence inspection cruise on the U.S.S. Tuscaloosa and has left for an unannounced destination. Yesterday he inspected the seaplane base at Mahaguana Island in the Bahamas.

### NEW OFFICIALS APPOINTED

The National Government, in a series of mandates, announced the appointments of Mr. Chan Chao-yang as Commissioner of Civil Affairs for Hopei, Mr. Wan Jih-yen as Commissioner of Education for Anhwei, and Messrs. Tu Jen-chi, Pui Chih-hsin, Hsu Shih-hung and Hsi Shang-chien as members of the Shanai Provincial Government.

The revised Regulations Governing Organisation of the National Relief Commission were also promulgated.—(Central News).

### THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 70 and the minimum 59. Total rainfall since January 1 is 117.59 inches, against an average of 84.57.

The Royal Observatory report states:—

The anticyclone continues moving eastward.

Pressure is highest over the Loo-choo Islands and South Japan and is relatively low over the southern part of the China Sea.

The typhoon is probably moving westward midway between Manila and Guam.

have been killed and many of his men taken prisoner.

The Greek troops, taking advantage of the Italian retreat from Argyro-Castron, have advanced along the hills bordering the Drinos valley and are now approaching Tepelini.

### SNOW BLIZZARDS

The rhythm of battle is being slowed down by the snow blizzards and bitter cold, writes Reuter's special correspondent on the Albanian front.

The Italians yesterday made repeated counter-attacks in the northern part of the 80-mile battle front but all attacks were repelled with great losses.

### SEVERE FIGHTING

The most severe fighting was in the Pogradets sector where the position on the Greek right flank was heavily attacked.

The Greeks have maintained all the positions captured on the Pogradets area.

### CYRIL LAKIN SAYS— HITLER WILL BE FORCED TO DO SOMETHING QUICKLY

### How Long Will Italians Put Up With Duce?

"MY FEELING IS THAT HERR HITLER WILL BE FORCED TO DO SOMETHING AND FORCED TO DO IT QUICKLY. This is not merely to keep Signor Mussolini's head above water, but for a stronger reason. We are now, or shall be, ahead of Germany in the production of arms, munitions etc. With our own production here added to the enormous resources of the Commonwealth, apart from what we are getting from the United States, Germany will soon be left behind.

"Germany cannot disperse her factories any further than she has done and now that Signor Mussolini's blunder has given us new bases in the Mediterranean, these factories can be disposed of more easily from the air. These are facts that show that Herr Hitler has no time to waste."

This is what MR. CYRIL LAKIN, commentator on the international situation, had to say when he spoke in London yesterday on the effects of the British successes in the Battle of the Nile.

Mr. Lakin said that in Egypt Britain had won her first considerable victory on land. This was, of course, only the opening of the campaign, but the army of the Nile had delivered a smashing blow to the Italians and they could look forward to good news to come.

"Not only here at home and every part of the British Empire is this victory acknowledged," said Mr. Lakin, "but in every corner of the world. Added to the Greek successes, it makes more sure the moral and material disasters that have fallen on the Italians."

### ANXIETY RELIEVED

"This dramatic success has relieved the anxiety for the defence of Egypt. That is enough for the moment, because it was only a few months ago that the Italians were boasting that the British Empire in Africa would soon be destroyed. "Signor Mussolini is now being pounded on two continents by land, air and sea. He must realise that this is only the beginning of what is coming to him. How much longer his people will put up with such an impostor it is difficult to say.

"The Italians are now busy trying to find a scapegoat and in the meantime there is one question for a better one."

### "We Are In Sight Of Victory"—Steed

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"The world will soon be given further proof of the lines on which we hope to build up a European commonwealth of people."

### REALLY IMPORTANT

Mr. Steed said that several things had happened this week. Most of them were really important.

The Battle of Britain was still going on and the Greek resistance to the Italian attack had assumed the significance of a defeat for the invaders.

But the most significant of all the events was the British attack in the Western Desert.

"It is a victory of the first order," Mr. Churchill said, "declared by Mr. Steed. 'The initiative has been lost by the Italians and gained by the British. The moral and political effect of this victory cannot yet be foreseen, but it is bound to be considerable. If we look back a month or two the full value and importance of this success will be clear."

Mr. Steed went on to recapitulate the failure of Hitler's diplomatic moves in Europe, his inability to force France to co-operate with him against Britain and events which led up to the Italian attack on Greece.

"If Mussolini had succeeded in Greece," said Mr. Steed, "and Greek islands and bases had become available to him our task might have been rendered very heavy indeed."

### DISCONTENT IN ITALY

The speaker then referred to the recent resignations of Italian Army and Navy Chiefs which, he said, indicated the growing discontent and dissatisfaction in Italy. Signor Mussolini was now making attempts to thrust the responsibility for his failure on to the shoulders of others.

The capture of Sidi Barrani, said Mr. Steed, would, in his

opinion, be the turning point of the war.

"Today Italian people are suffering from having allowed themselves to be dragged into their present defensive position."

This had affected Hitler's position very seriously. Hitler recognised that the undercurrent of anti-German feeling might rise at any moment and sweep all before it. Thus what Hitler and Duce would do now it was impossible to predict but it was a very black day indeed for Mussolini when he entered the war.

"As for Hitler," said Mr. Steed, "he must go on now with the Battle of Britain. What his spies are telling him we do not know but there is nothing now to shake our belief that we are within sight of victory."

Acting Governor Of Charhar

The Executive Yuan appointed yesterday Mr. Pi Tseh-yu, Charhar Commissioner of Civil Affairs, as concurrently Acting Chairman of the Charhar Provincial Government, succeeding General Ship Yu-shan, who was executed on December 4 by order of the Chinese High Command for insubordination and malpractices.—(Central News).

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### GERMAN HIGH COMMAND CLAIMS

### Attacks On Shipping Communique

BERLIN, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Attacks on shipping formed the theme of yesterday's German High Command communique.

During armed reconnaissance flights the German Air Force is stated to have seriously damaged a ship towed by a freighter near the Kentish coast.

It is also claimed that a 15,000-ton merchant ship was sunk south-west of Clacton-on-Sea and a tanker attacked with guns and machine-guns.

Serious damage to another 15,000-ton ship is also mentioned. The dispersal of a convoy and the sinking of four merchant ships, totalling 80,000 tons, by U-boats are also claimed.

### R.A.F. RAIDS

Dropping of high explosive bombs and incendiaries by the R.A.F. in occupied territories and south-western Germany is mentioned and it is stated that four enemy planes were shot down while two German planes are missing.

The communique also says that a strong German bomber formation successfully attacked military objectives in the Midlands.

### Preparations To Observe Total Solar Eclipse

For the first time in 400 years, a total solar eclipse will be visible in populous regions in China around noon on Sept. 21, 1941, reports the Académie Sinica.

Elaborate preparations are being made by China's eminent astronomers to observe the eclipse, the umbra of which will cast a shadow over eight provinces in China, coming from Central Asia in Soviet Russia and going out to sea from the Chekiang coast. A distance of 3,400 kilometers will be darkened.

The eight provinces which will be entered in Shu-Chin, or the Sinkiang, Chinghai, Kansu, Shensi, Hupeh, Kiangsi, Fukien and Chekiang. A partial eclipse, in which the sun will be more than fifty per cent obscured, will be visible from all other parts of the country.

Since 1548, 26 total solar eclipses have been recorded in China, and in the coming 100 years, total eclipses will take place ten more times. But only four times out of the 26 in the past 400 years did the phenomenon take place around noon, and in the ten forthcoming eclipses in the next century only once will the total obscuration be seen around noon.

Still rarer are the chances to observe a total eclipse around noon, and in the most populous regions in China. Also, the Yellow and Yangtze River basins. In the 500 years beginning 1548, only once, on Aug. 11, 1546, has a total eclipse been visible at noon in the Yellow River region. The second will be seen on Sept. 21, 1941.

The first solar eclipse ever recorded has generally been recorded in the book Chun Chiu, or "Spring and Autumn Annals," of solar eclipses were recorded during a period of 240 years, and most of these entries have been proved to be correct through modern methods of astronomical calculations.

The phenomenon causes as much awe and excitement in ancient China as elsewhere in the world. In the Spring and Autumn Annals, or the days of the Warring States—the latter part of the Chow Dynasty (1122-249 B.C.), rites for "saying the sun" were instituted. The Eclipse of Thales on May 28, 608 B.C. stopped a five-year war between the Medes and Lydians.—(Central News)



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CHRIST CHURCH  
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Sat.—Sunday School Party, 3 to 5 p.m. in the Vicarage and Church grounds. 3rd Sunday in Advent, Ember Week.—Services in English: 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion, 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist and Sermon. Preacher: The Vicar. 6.30 p.m. Evensong. Services in Mandarin: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 11 a.m. Morning Prayer. Preacher: Mr. Chow Chen-kwong. Dec. 10, 13, 20.—Rehearsals for Nativity play at 8 p.m. in Church. All members of cast requested to attend. Dec. 19.—Holy Communion 7.15 a.m. Choral practice 8 p.m. Dec. 21.—St. Thomas' Day. Holy Communion 7.15 a.m.

## CATHOLIC NEWS &amp; NOTES

## GANDETE SUNDAY: GROWTH OF CHURCH IN CALIFORNIA: AIR-RAID HEROISM

"GAUDETE SUNDAY," OR, AS IT MIGHT BE TRANSLATED, THE "SUNDAY OF JOY," WHICH OCCURS TOMORROW, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, is the Church's mid-Advent reminder that Christmas is near. The weeks of Advent and of Lent, which precede the two greatest feasts of the year, Christmas and Easter, are periods of preparation in which penance for past sins has a large part, but they also keep in view the event to which they are leading, and in each case there is a joyful reminder of this half-way through. The word Gaudete, which means "Rejoice" is the opening word of the extract from St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians with which the Mass of the day begins.

On Monday the Novena for Christmas commences in all the churches. In the Cathedral the devotions in connexion with it will take place every evening at 5.30 p.m. A Novena means nine-days' prayer. It is customary to have this period of special prayer before many important feasts. The custom had its origin in the nine days of prayer which the Apostles spent, together with Mary, after the Ascension while they awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit. Novena devotions consist mostly in the recitation of some prayers which have reference to the feast that is coming.

## CHURCH IN CALIFORNIA

During recent Centenary celebrations in California the remarkable development of the Church during the past hundred years was frequently likened to the mustard seed in Our Lord's parable, for there have been few such striking instances of rapid growth. The centenary was that of the establishment of the Episcopal Hierarchy in California.

A hundred years ago when California was given its first Bishop there were only 5,000 Catholics in the whole area. That number has now grown to 1,200,000 and instead of one Bishop there are two Archbishops and five Bishops. There are 1,600 priests now, and in the seven dioceses and there are schools, colleges, hospitals and institutions of every kind which, care for the multiple needs of a great population. The rise from 5,000 to 1,200,000 in one century is a remarkable record.

## AIR-RAID HEROISM

Stories from England of heroism during air-raids are almost as numerous of those which were told of bravery in the firing line, and one which got considerable prominence in the English Catholic press concerned a non-Catholic who risked death to get spiritual aid for a Catholic boy seriously injured in a South London raid.

The boy, Terence Rosewell, who was fourteen years of age, was in the street with his brother when a bomb fell close by. Terence received several wounds from flying fragments. His brother rushed home to tell his parents, and a Protestant neighbour, Mr. Stanley Mott, hearing what had happened, asked if he could be of any help. The injured boy's parents asked him if he would go for a priest. Mr. Mott, who has only one leg and was at that time just about to seek safety in an air-raid shelter, mounted a bicycle at once and rode off for the priest, though bombs were still falling in the district.

Trams were running and the priest came by one of them, but in his hurry to get to the boy he jumped off too soon and was injured. Again Mr. Mott came to his rescue, for he had come on his bicycle alongside the tram in order to guide the priest. He tended the priest's injuries and brought him at last to the boy. By this time the boy was unconscious and the priest anointed him. Taken to hospital, he recovered consciousness, was prepared for death and died that evening. Next day the priest called on Mr. Mott to thank him for his charity and courage.

## ABBEY DESTROYED

The destruction by fire of the Cistercian Abbey on Caldey Island, three miles off the coast of Wales, threatens to end an interesting chapter of monastic history in Britain. Many parts of the Abbey structure come from old pre-Reformation abbeys, but its real history begins towards the end of the last century when it came into the hands of an Anglican community of monks.

This community was established in the Anglican Church under the Rule of St. Benedict, and it was approved and its Superior admitted to vows under a special act of probation of the then Archbishop of Canterbury. The community moved from place to place for many years before they settled down finally on Caldey Island, and had become well known by

1913 when in a body all the monks made their submission to the Catholic Church. They joined the Benedictine Order and continued to live together as a Catholic community.

The Superior who had led them into the Catholic Church remained with them for some years and then left to enter the Carthusian Monastery of Miraflores, near Burgos, in Spain. A few years later, the Community left the island for the mainland to build a new Abbey at Prinknash Park, Gloucester, and the Cistercians took over the Caldey Island Abbey. A few months ago the Abbey appeared in the war news when the Cistercian monks gave hospitality to thirty seamen whose vessel went aground on the rocks nearby.

## ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Third Sunday in Advent.—8 a.m. Holy Communion (Communicants' Fellowship) and Dedication of Gifts. 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon. Preacher: The Bishop. 12.15 p.m. Holy Communion. 8.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. Preacher: The Dean. Social hour immediately after Evensong. All are cordially invited.

## WEEKDAYS

Holy Communion is celebrated on—Thursday at 7.30 a.m. Friday at 7.45 a.m. (in Cantonese). Saturday, St. Thomas' Day, at 7.30 a.m. Thursday, Prayer for the Sick, 10.15 a.m.

## OTHER NOTICES

Monday, 8 p.m. Badminton, Cathedral Hall.

## THE CHRISTMAS TREE

The Christmas Tree will stand again in the north transept from Tuesday, Dec. 17. As in previous years, we shall devote all gifts that are placed on or under the tree to needy families nominated by the Hongkong Benevolent Society, the Society for the Protection of Children, and to homes and needy people who are being helped by the Social Service Centre of the Churches. This winter, as every one knows, will be a very hard one and so we are hoping to receive even more gifts than in previous years.

A member of the Communicants' Fellowship will be in the Cathedral each day to receive the presents, which will be welcomed any time before Christmas Day itself. If you wish to earmark your gift, please write "Benevolent Society," "S.P.C." or "S.S.C.C." on the outside of the packet. It may be more convenient for some to send gifts of money, in which case please send c/o the Dean, St. John's Cathedral Office, and mark the envelope "Christmas Tree Fund."

## PEAK CHURCH

(Church of England Service)  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.

## ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Dec. 15—3rd Sunday in Advent. First Mass and General Communion at 8 a.m.—Second Mass at 10 a.m., followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. On week-days, Holy Mass at 8 a.m.—Confessions are heard every day, before and after Mass. On Saturdays, the special time for Confessions is from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE (HONGKONG BRANCH)

(Chapel, 25 Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong)

The Rev. John Bechtel, Pastor, Sunday services—10 a.m. Worship (English). Speaker: The Rev. M. G. Gribbenow. Labrang, Kansu. Subject: "The Light of the World." 11 a.m. Worship (Cantonese). 3 p.m. Sunday School; 6.30 p.m. Young People's Service (English). Speaker: The Rev. M. G. Gribbenow. Subject: "Tibet." Illustrated with slides, 7.30 p.m. Evangelistic Meeting (Cantonese). Mid-week service—7.30 p.m. Evangelistic-prayer meeting (Cantonese). Chapel open daily for consultation and prayer.

## ENGLISH METHODIST CHURCH

Queen's Road East. Opposite the Royal Naval Hospital.

Preachers: Morning—Rev. B. Moreton. Evening—Rev. W. H. Alton. Morning, Parade service 10.15 a.m. Hymn 25, Prayer, Hymn 132, First Lesson, Hymn 811, Second Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Offertory, Hymn 284 Sermon. Hymn 139, Benediction. Evening Service 7 p.m. Hymn 257, Prayer, Hymn 122, Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Offertory, Hymn 259, Sermon, Hymn 256, Benediction.

## NOTICES FOR WEEK

Following the evening service a social hour will be held at 8 & 8 Home 8.15 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians warmly welcomed. A meeting for Prayer and Fellowship will be held at 8 & 8 Home Tuesday 8.30 p.m. Monday and Thursday at 8 & 8 Home—Badminton Club, Wednesday 8.30 p.m. House Committee at 8 & 8 Home.

## CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

The following are the forthcoming services at the Catholic Cathedral, Calne Road.

3rd Sunday in Advent. Morning services: 1st Mass 8 with sermon in Chinese, 2nd Mass 8 with sermon in English, 3rd Mass 10 with sermon in English. Evening services: at 4 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction, Dec. 18—St. Alie, Empress. The Novena in Preparation to the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord begins at 5.30 p.m. Dec. 17—Holy Hour from 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. Dec. 18—Ember Day—Abstinence. On week days Mass at 6 and 7.30. Confessions morning and evening.

## FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST. SCIENTIST

31 Macdonnell Road. The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches tomorrow will be "God the Preserver of Man."

The Golden Text will be: "The Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding... He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints" (Proverbs 2: 6, 8). Among others, the following citations will be read from the Bible: "And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God, and with men, and hast prevailed. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." (Genesis 32: 24, 27, 30).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Jacob" was alone, wrestling with error—struggling with a mortal sense of life, substance and intelligence as existent in matter with its false pleasures and pains—when an angel, a messenger from Truth and Love, appeared to him and smote the kneo of strength of his error, till he saw its unreason, and Truth being thereby understood, gave him spiritual strength in this period of divine Science. ("Science and Health" Page 308)

## ANNOUNCEMENT

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong. A Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., No. 31 Macdonnell Road, close to Peak Tram Station. Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday 5 p.m. A Reading Room is maintained in the Church Building and is open on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 8.30 to 7 p.m. All authorised Christian literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

## ST. TERESA'S CHURCH

Dec. 15—3rd Sunday of Advent: 6.30 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in Chinese, 8 a.m. Choral Mass. Sermon in English and Benediction. 10 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in English. On week-days, Holy Mass at 6.30 and 7.15 a.m. Dec. 16—Monday. The Novena for Christmas begins at 7.15 a.m. Dec. 17 Tuesday, at 8.45 p.m. Meeting of St. Teresa's Youth, Dec. 20, Friday, at 6 p.m. Service of Intercession with the Way of the Cross.

## ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL GIFT DAY

(The Editor, Daily Press)

Sir, We venture to ask the hospitality of your columns to bring to the notice of your readers the Cathedral Gift Day, which this year has been instituted in place of the Cathedral Fete, and will be held today, December 14. It has been our custom in the past few years to hold a Cathedral Fete which has been responsible for the collection of about \$3,000 of our income.

This fete it is impracticable to hold this year, as many of our workers are away from the Colony, and those who remain are so much engaged in other directions that they have no time to devote to the arduous work of preparing for a fete of our usual standard.

The question of economy has not been lost sight of, but it must not be forgotten that it is the custom of the Cathedral to make grants to various social endeavours in the Colony and to Missionary work in the district, and we feel it is not the wish of the members of our church that these activities should suffer by the reduction or elimination of these grants.

It is, therefore, with the welfare of the Cathedral and its activities very much at heart that the Council have set apart Saturday the 14th December, on which day those who value the work of the Cathedral in this Colony may come and offer their gifts and pray for the effective continuance of this work.

It has been arranged that one of the clergy and a member of the congregation will be in the Cathedral from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. today, in order that individual gifts may be personally accepted and dedicated.

It is intended that gifts should be primarily gifts for the increase of funds for the Cathedral, but if any have prepared gifts in kind these will be welcomed and reserved for the Christmas tree, which will be in the Cathedral the following week.

P. S. CASSIDY, Chairman of Finance Committee.  
EVA G. DAVIDSON, Chairman, Cathedral Women's Fellowship.  
B. W. PRITTE-PERRY, Secretary, Goodwill Offering Scheme.  
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W. M. BARTON.

## ST. ANDREW'S (CHURCH OF ENGLAND, KOWLOON)

The following are the forthcoming services etc., at St. Andrew Church, Kowloon:

Third Sunday in Advent. Holy Communion 8 a.m. Young People's Service in Church 10 a.m. Leader: Miss E. Gibbins. Primary Sunday School in hall 10 a.m. Leader: Miss W. Robinson. Matins and Address 11 a.m. Preacher: The Rev. H. Wittenbach, of C. M. S. (This service will be broadcast). Evensong and Address, 6.15 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. G. E. S. Updeil, E. C. F. Headmaster of the Central British School. A cinematograph performance of educational and travel films will be given to the Sunday Club after evensong. Everyone welcome.

## WEEK DAY NOTICES

Dec. 14—Medical War Working Party for China 10 a.m. Fellowship of Youth 8.15 p.m. St. Andrew's Club Badminton evening 8.30 p.m. Dec. 17—Intercession Service in connexion with the war 6 p.m. The amateur dramatic section of St. Andrew's Club will give three dramatic performances in aid of "B. C. M. Post" Bomb Fund in hall 9 p.m. Admission \$2. 31. Dec. 18—St. Andrew's Wolf Cubs meet 11, Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong, 5.30 p.m. St. Andrew's Rover Scouts meet 11, Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong, 8.45 p.m. Dec. 19—Medical War Working Party for China 10 a.m. The three amateur dramatic performances given on Tuesday will be repeated, Dec. 20—Choir practice 6.30 p.m. Dec. 21—St. Thomas' Day. Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. The rooms of St. Andrew's Fellowship open daily, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

## ST. ANDREW'S WEEK GREAT SUCCESS

St. Andrew's Week was an outstanding success, says THE ANDRIAN. About \$1,000 was received during the week and upwards of \$2,000 was given on the Day of Prayer and Gifts, so that approximately \$3,000 will be the final figure. "This is as much as we receive in normal times; so we are most encouraged, with a \$1,000 more than we set out to get," adds the Andrian.

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## RADIO PROGRAMME

Continued from Page 3

## TOMORROW

## SINGING CANARIES FROM THE STUDIO

Schubert Quartet

11.00 a.m. Relay of Morning Service from St. Andrew's Church.

12.14 p.m. Schubert—Quartet No. 14 in D Minor ("Death and the Maiden").

1st Mov. Allegro; 2nd Mov. Andante con moto; 3rd Mov. Scherzo (Allegro molto); 4th Mov. Prestissimo—Each String Quartet.

12.52 Schubert Songs.

Fisher ways — The Fishermen; The Secret — Elena Gerhardt (Mezzo-Soprano) with Piano accomp.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

Fantasia—From Offenbach's Sample Box (Urbach).

1.12 Studio—Singing Canaries. A feature programme with live canaries.

1.22 Two Songs by Gladys Swarthout (Mezzo-Soprano).

Paradise in Waltz Time; Could I Be in Love? (both from film "Champagne Waltz").

1.30 Renter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Compositions of Dvorak.

Carneval—Overture (Dvorak)—London Symphony Orchestra. Symphony No. 2 in D Minor, Op. 70—1st Mov. Allegro molto; 2nd Mov. Poco Adagio; 3rd Mov. Scherzo (Vivace); 4th Mov. Finale (Allegro) — Czech Philharmonic Orchestra.

2.30 Close down.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

## SHANGHAI'S POOR

A large number of the poor in the slum districts in western Shanghai are now in a pitiable plight as the result of the destruction by the Japanese of several hundred matchboxes in which they have been living, says a Shanghai report. They are now forced to sleep in the open under severe weather conditions. — (Central News).

## ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH

(The Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute, Hongkong)

3rd Sunday in Advent, 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Short evening service. Preacher—The Rev. Cyril Brown, M.A. Refreshments will be served after the evening service.

## FRATERNITY PRAYER ROOM (UNDENOMINATIONAL)

77, POKFULAM ROAD, HONGKONG

Evening services on Saturday and Sunday at 8.30. Service of Holy Communion on Sunday morning at 9.45. Superintendent, Dr. H. Lechman, Chif.

7.30 Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance."

"Tis Mabel! Poor Wandering One—Elsie Griffin and Chorus of Girls. What Ought We to Do, Gentle Sisters, Say?—Nellie Brercliffe and Nellie Walker. How Beautifully Blue the Sky—Elsie Griffin, Derek Oldham and Chorus of Girls. Ah, Leave Me Not to Pine!—Elsie Griffin and Derek Oldham. No. 1 Am Bravel — Elsie Griffin, Leo Sheffield and Male Chorus. When A Felon's Not Engaged — Leo Sheffield and Male Chorus. A Rolling Band of Pirates We — Leo Sheffield and Male Ch. With Car-Like Tread — Stuart Robertson and Male Chorus. Rush, Rush!—D. Oldham, G. Baker and Chorus. Softly Sighing — George Baker and Male Chorus. Now What Is This, and What Is That?—George Baker, Derek Oldham, Elsie Griffin, and Pull Chorus. To Gain A Brief Advantage — Leo Sheffield, Peter Dawson, George Baker, Elsie Griffin, Dorothy Gill and Pull Chorus.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Light Orchestral Programme with Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano) and Nelson Eddy (Baritone).

Italian Street Song; Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life (both from "Naughty Marietta")—Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano) with Orchestra. Immortal Strauss—A Medley of Strauss Waltzes—Viennese "Waltz Orchestra." The Flying in Love With Schafme (from "Naughty Marietta"); Tramp, Tramp, Tramp Along the Highway (from "Naughty Marietta") — Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Chorus and Orchestra. Russian Gipsy Sketch (Feitars) — Alfredo and His Orchestra. March of the Grenadiers (from "The Love Parade")—Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano) with Orchestra. Tell Me Again (Cross)—Alfredo and His Orchestra. Sylvia (Speake); Thy Beaming Eyes, Op. 40, No. 3 (Gardner-MacDowell) — Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra. Russian Medley—Russian Variations (Orchestra).

8.45 Single-Book Reviews.

9.00 London Relay—"The News and News Commentary."

9.30 Strauss—Sonata in F Major, Op. 58.

1st Mov. Allegro vivace; 2nd Mov. Adagio affettuoso; 3rd Mov. Allegro passionato; 4th Mov. Allegro molto—Pau. Casals (Cello) and Mieczyslaw Horowitz (Piano).

10.45 Handel—Organ Concerto in B Flat.

Dr. E. Bullock at the Organ of Westminster Abbey.

10.15 Studio — Sunday Evening Epiphany.

Conducted by a Minister of the Methodist Church.

10.25 Close down.

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NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Summary

Full Bulletin 4.00 p.m.

Transmission V—News Summary

Full Bulletin 5.45 p.m.

do. 7.30 p.m.

do. 8.15 p.m.

do. 12.00 mid-night

Trans II & III—News Summary

Full Bulletin 7.30 a.m.

do. 8.50 a.m.



HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS  
STOCK EXCHANGE. SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY 13 DEC.				FRIDAY 13 DEC.			
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<b>Cotton Mills</b>							
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## Finance and Commerce

ECONOMIC  
STRENGTH  
OF TURKEYPOSITION SUPERIOR  
TO THAT OF 1914

ANKARA, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The economic strength of Turkey has assumed such magnitude that it may well influence the final outcome of the world's struggle," so declared the Turkish Prime Minister, Dr. Saydam, speaking at the anniversary of the National Economy Week according to the Ankara radio.

Dr. Saydam pointed out that the struggle between the nations had changed from a military act of fighting pure and simple, to a war waged on economic staying power.

"Our position is far superior to that of 1914 both in industry and agriculture and our financial position is strong. We continue to place our confidence in the economic power of our country," he concluded.

War-Time  
Economic Conditions

Under orders of the National Government Dr. Ma Yin-chu, an eminent Chinese economist and member of the Legislative Yuan, has left Chungking to investigate the economic conditions in the war areas.

After his investigation, Dr. Ma will render a report with recommendations for the improvement of the people's livelihood at war time.—(Central News).

H.K. STOCK  
EXCHANGE

The market remains quietly steady at the close of a week's trading on a more generous scale than for some time past. Prices have advanced, and have been well maintained.

BUSINESS DONE DURING  
THE WEEK

H.K. Banks, \$1315, \$1325, \$1340, \$1350, \$1360, \$1365.  
Union Ins., \$355.  
Docks (O.), \$171, \$173, \$18, \$17.95, \$18.

Providents \$5.45, \$5, \$5.55, \$5.  
Hotels, \$3.

Humphreys, \$73.  
Realities, \$3, \$3.50.

Tramways, \$17.20, \$173, \$17.40, \$17.45, \$17.55, \$173.

China Lights (O.), \$7.30, \$7.35.  
China Lights (N.), \$7.10.

Electric (O.), \$39, \$40.  
Telephones (N.), \$10.10.

Cements, \$18, \$184, \$183, \$18.10.  
Ropes, \$7.

Dairy Farms, \$19.  
Watsons, \$10.30, \$10.60, \$103, \$10.55, \$10.60, \$104.

BUYERS  
H.K. Banks, \$1360.  
Bank of East Asia, \$74.

Wharves, \$92.  
Docks (O.), \$17.75.

Providents, \$5.40.  
Lands, \$33.50.

Trams, \$17.50.  
Star Ferries, \$39.50.

Electric (O.), \$40.  
Electric (N.), \$39.50.

Cements, \$17.75.  
Watsons, \$10.25.

Entertainments, \$7.  
Constructions (O.), \$1.60.

SELLERS  
Hotels, \$3.55.  
Realities, \$3.95.

Electric (O.), \$40.50.  
Vibro Piling, \$7.70.

SALES  
H.K. Banks, \$1365.  
Providents, \$5.50.

Hotels, \$3.65/50.  
Lights (O.), C.D. \$7.30.

Lights (N.), C.D. \$7.05.  
Electric (O.), \$40.25.

Cements, \$18.10/18.

## SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER  
London, Dec. 12 (Reuter).  
Silver—Market quietly steady.

Business very small. In the afternoon, the market was quiet but steady.

Spot, 22-7/8d.  
Forward, 22-13/16d.

BOMBAY SILVER  
Bombay, Dec. 12 (Reuter).  
Market—Quiet but steady. Off-take 50 bars.

Indian Mint Silver  
Ready, 50-12.  
Dec. 27 Settlement, 50-10.  
Jan. 22 Settlement, 50-10.

NOTE ISSUE  
OF JAPANDIET TO CONSIDER  
REVISION OF  
SYSTEM

TOKYO, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—A legislation will be introduced by the Ministry of Finance at the next session of the Japanese Diet for revising the note issue system of the Bank of Japan, it was learned today.

The main object is to establish a maximum issue amount which can be fixed by the Finance Minister on a year to year basis as done by the Bank of France from 1870 to 1928.

The present reserves of the Bank of Japan are in two categories, those of gold and silver specie and securities, but under the revised system the general reserve would be established to include gold and silver coins, bullion, Government securities and commercial bills.

## CHRONIC EXCESS ISSUE

The conversion system will, however, be retained. The proposed revision was made necessary by the chronic excess issue from the Bank of Japan and a preliminary agreement has already been reached between the Ministry of Finance and the Bank of Japan authorities.

As far as can be ascertained, no decision has been made as to whether similar revisions are to be made in the note issue system of the Bank of Chosen and the Bank of Taiwan or whether the notes of the Bank of Japan will replace notes of the two issue banks in Korea and Formosa.

BRITISH LOAN  
TO CHINASOONG TO CONDUCT  
NEGOTIATIONS

CHUNGKING, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Mr. T. V. Soong, former Finance Minister, is expected in well-informed quarters here to visit London shortly in order to conduct negotiations for the new credits to China which the British Government announced that it is willing to extend.

The same quarters state that Mr. Soong is at present negotiating with the United States presumably in connection with the United States' credits to China.

The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, is expected to remain in Chungking while the London negotiations are in progress.

SINO-SOVIET  
TEA  
AGREEMENT

The Soviet commercial representative to China has signed a new agreement with the China National Tea Corporation whereby China will export \$100,000,000 worth of tea bricks to Soviet Russia in the coming year, according to a Chungking report published in the Hongkong Takung-wan.

Since the signing of the barter agreement between China and the Soviet Russia in 1938, Soviet Russia has become the principal buyer of China's tea. In 1938 approximately 56.4 per cent of the tea imported into Soviet Russia was from China, while in 1939 a total of \$31,067,256 worth of Chinese tea was shipped to Soviet Russia by way of Hongkong and Vladivostok.

Meanwhile, it is learned that negotiations are going on between the Chinese and British authorities for the shipment of Chinese tea to England and Africa on a barter basis.

HONGKONG  
SHAREBROKERS'  
ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted  
on Friday, Dec. 13, 1940.

SALES

H.K. Banks	35	\$1,365.00
Cements	100	18.20
China Lights (O.)	500	7.30
China Lights (N.)	500	7.05
H.K. Hotels	500	3.50

The total value is \$58,520.00.

AMERICAN  
FINANCIAL AID  
TO BRITAINPROMINENT BANKER  
BACKS MOVEMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The movement in favour of granting financial aid to Britain is receiving powerful and unexpected support from Mr. Winthrop Aldrich, one of America's leading bankers.

Besides being Chairman of the Chase National Bank, Mr. Aldrich is a well-known lawyer.

Speaking at the Boston Chamber of Commerce Meeting he urged that funds be made available "promptly and generously" before Britain's financial sands had run dangerously low. He added that such funds could be furnished either by a Federal guarantee of British credit, a loan from the United States Treasury, or by an outright grant in aid.

Mr. Aldrich denied that the Johnson Neutrality Act prevented such action, declaring that neither of them "prohibits our Government from giving financial aid to Great Britain."

Recalling that both the American Political Parties had decided in favour of extending aid, Mr. Aldrich said, "If that pledge means anything, it means that our full industrial and financial strength shall be thrown into the scales on the side of England."

LONDON STOCK  
EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The capture of Sidi Barrani created a good sentiment in the Stock Exchange yesterday but apart from a few instances business was small.

Kaffirs and especially the smaller priced issues, were popular among local operators. Oils were again in the limelight, and Anglo-Transians advanced over three shillings to 40 shillings.

Industrials were generally steady. Sudan plantations, however, were in demand and shares improved from 23s 9d to 25s.

Wall Street was firm.

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## WEEKLY RETURNS AND REPORTS

## BANK OF ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).	Dec. 5 (000's Omitted)	Dec. 12 (000's Omitted)
Public Deposits	21,950	2
Other Deposits:		
Bankers	105,790	115,900
Other Accounts	51,610	51,290
Total	157,400	167,190
Government Securities	139,830	149,830
Other Securities:		
Discounts and Advances	3,860	3,920
Securities	20,450	20,820
Total	24,310	24,740
Notes and Coins	33,020	28,880
Total Bullion	1,280	1,420
Notes in circulation	568,250	604,540
Ratio of Reserve to Liabilities	18.49%	14.65%
Price of Gold at which holdings are valued	128/-	168/-

## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (Reuter).	Dec. 7 (1939)	Dec. 5 (000's Omitted)	Dec. 12
Bills Bought	2,512,000	2,195,000	2,184,000
U.S. Securities held	86,71%	90.87%	90.98%
Federal Reserve Ratio	2,568,000	2,266,000	2,241,000
Federal Reserve Credit Outstanding	17,408,000	21,827,000	21,858,000
Monetary Gold Stocks	11,387,000	7,569,000	7,492,000
Industrial Advances			

## BROKERS' LOANS

New York, Dec. 12 (Reuter).  
Loans on securities to brokers in New York:  
Wk. ended 7/12/39 Wk. ended 5/12/40 Wk. ended 12/12/40  
\$507,000,000 \$320,000,000 \$380,000,000

## LONDON GOLD

London, Dec. 12 (Reuter).  
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SHEEP FARMERS TO  
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LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Hill sheep farmers in the U.K. are to receive a special subsidy to supplement this year's returns, it is announced in the House of Commons by Mr. Brown, Minister for the Interior for Scotland.

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LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Negotiations are proceeding between Germany and Russia for the repatriation of the remaining Germans in the Baltic States according to a Stockholm dispatch to the Free French Agency here.

Fifty thousand Germans in Lithuania and 10,000 in Estonia and Latvia were unable to return to Germany last year, the dispatch adds.

## BURMA HIGHWAY

KUNMING, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Ten Japanese bombers attacked the Burma highway at Mekong early yesterday. The Chinese authorities report that no damage was caused to the bridge.

FRENCH EMBASSY  
REMOVAL

CHUNGKING, Dec. 13 (Central).—The French Embassy yesterday announced the removal of its offices in Shanghai to Chungking. Administrative and technical affairs of the Embassy in North China, however, will continue to be handled by its representatives in Peiping. The French Consulate in Chungking will remain at No. 6 Consular Lane.

PRINCE BERNHARD  
FUND

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The Prince Bernhard Fund has raised the money for two more bombers for the Royal Netherlands Navy. This fund now totals \$210,000 of which \$745,000 has been given to the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

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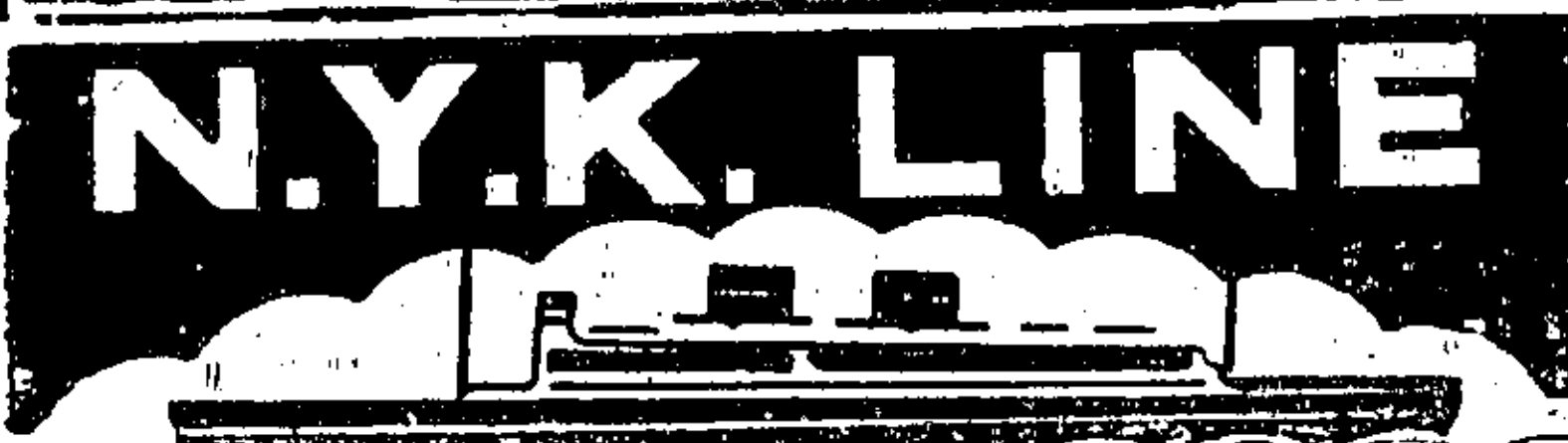
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# CHINESE MUNICIPAL ADVOCATES COMMENDED

The patriotic stand taken by the Chinese Municipal Advocates of the French Municipal Police in Shanghai, Messrs. Ku Shou-hsi, Yao Chao-ti, Fei Hsi-tseng and Yuan Chia-huang, was highly commended by the Ministry of Justice in a special message dispatched to them.

The four Chinese lawyers have resigned from their posts as a protest against the recent illegal transfer of the Second Special District Court and the Third Branch Kiangsu High Court in Shanghai to the Nanjing regime by the French Concession authorities.

Meanwhile, the Ministry has ordered the arrest of Hsu Wu-fang, Chen Hsi-sheng and Ma Ping-hsun, who have accepted appointments by the French Municipal Police as Municipal Advocates to appear before the puppet courts in the French Concession. Their licences to practise were also revoked—(Central News).

# ON INSPECTION TRIP

Mr. Chiu Chang-wei, Kwangsi Commissioner of Civil Affairs, has left Kweilin for Nanning and Lushchow on an inspection trip.

Interviewed prior to his departure, Mr. Chiu said that the National Government and the Kwangsi Provincial Government have made big appropriations for refugees relief in south Kwangsi but these are not yet enough.

Mr. Chiu revealed that the Kwangsi Provincial Assembly has decided to propose to the provincial government for the issuance of \$10,000,000 Kwangsi Relief Bonds.

Mr. Chiu is bringing with him \$200,000 appropriated by the National Government to distribute to the refugees—(Central News).

# WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Dec. 13.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.23 ins.

Temperature, 67° F.

Humidity, 56 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/S

Wind Force (Beaufort), 2

Temperature maximum yesterday, 59° F.

Temperature minimum last night, 50° F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs ending 12th today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.50 ins.

Against an average of, 84.57 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.40 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.55 a.m.

4 p.m., Dec. 13.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.11 ins.

Temperature, 68° F.

Humidity, 45 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/N

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4

Maximum temperature, 70° F.

Minimum temperature, 59° F.

Rainfall, nil.

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## PARADES

### Corps Artillery

#### 1st Battery

Dec. 17, H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Kit inspection. All members who did not attend on Tuesday, 10. Dress—Jacket, trousers, S.D. cap, boots and full webbing equipment. All other articles of kit required to be carried in kit bag.

Dec. 20, Belchers, 5.30 p.m. "Gun drill and dummy loader. All members except D.E.L. Section to attend. Dress—Overalls, S.D. cap and gun platform shoes.

#### 2nd Battery

Dec. 17, Belchers, 2.30 p.m. Recruits, Layers and Range Takers. Any others may also attend voluntarily. Dress—Milit. Overalls and S.D. cap to be brought. D.E.L. Section will parade under orders from Sgt. Lloyd.

#### 3rd Battery

Dec. 16, St. John's Place, 5.30 p.m. All N.O.C.'s under B.S.M. Wood. Dress—Overall, S.D. cap, web belt and bayonet frog.

Dec. 17, H.Q., 5.30 p.m. All members deficient in kit.

Dec. 19, H.Q. for Aberdeen, 6 a.m. Dress—S.D. cap, cardigan, shirt, shorts, puttees, boots, web equipment with frog. Water bottle (filled). Steel helmet, overall, gun platform shoes to be brought also knife, fork, spoon, mug and plate.

Dec. 20, St. John's Place, 5.30 p.m. B.O. A. Class.

#### 4th Battery

Dec. 17, Queen's Pier, for Pak Shu Wan, 2 a.m. B.C. Staff, Gun Detachments and Signallers, 5.30 p.m. Queen's Pier, D.E.L. Section. Dress—Jacket, shorts, puttees (D.E.L. Section trousers), S.D. cap and web belt. Greatcoat, overalls and gun platform shoes to be carried.

Dec. 19, Queen's Pier, 5 p.m. No. 1 Section. Evening Manning. Dress—S.D. cap, shirt, cardigan, trousers, boots, greatcoat and steel helmet.

Dec. 19, Queen's Pier, 5 p.m. No. 2 Section. Evening Manning. Dress—S.D. cap, shirt, cardigan, trousers, boots, greatcoat and steel helmet.

Dec. 19, H.Q., 5.15 p.m. Unit at full strength for return of rifles, bayonets and S.B.R.s. Disciplinary action will be taken against any absentee.

Dec. 20, No parade.

## HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 14 to 20 Dec. 1940.

Day of Week	Date of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Sat.	14	h.m.	f.	h.m.	f.
		09 50	4.7	02 32	1.8
		20 35	7.7	14 18	3.4
Sun.	15	10 28	4.7	03 58	1.9
		21 06	8.1	14 50	3.4
Mon.	16	11 06	4.7	04 38	0.9
		21 41	8.2	15 25	3.5
Tues.	17	11 48	7.7	05 16	0.7
		22 20	8.2	16 05	3.6
Wed.	18	12 32	7.8	05 54	0.7
		23 05	7.9	16 34	3.6
Thurs.	19	13 20	4.9	06 40	1.0
		23 50	7.5	17 18	3.8
Fri.	20	14 11	5.0	07 12	1.4
		14 11	5.0	18 15	4.0

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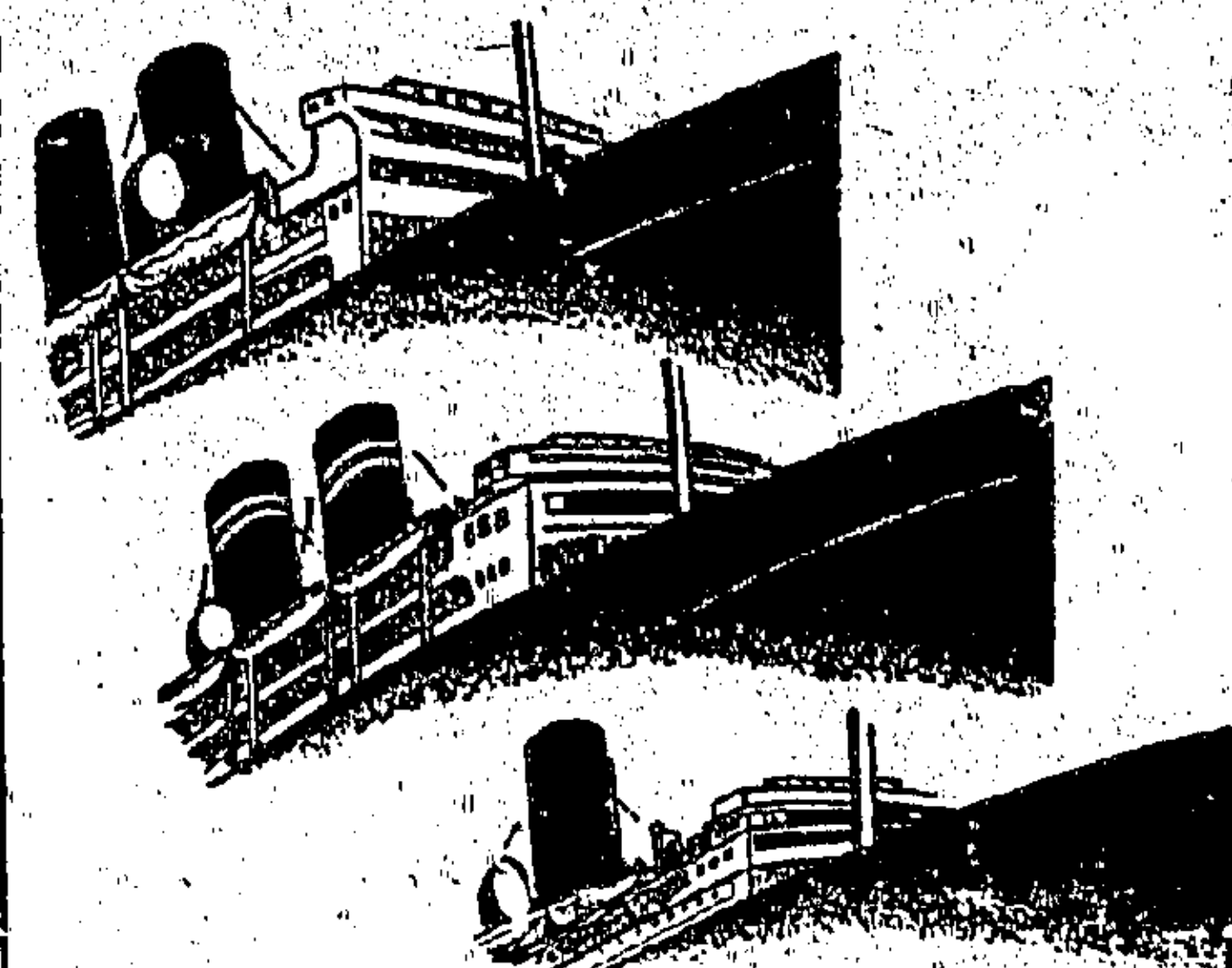
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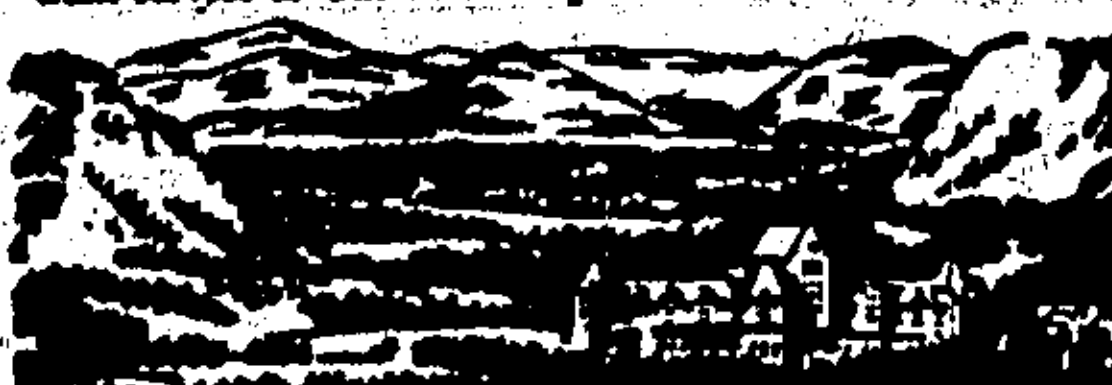
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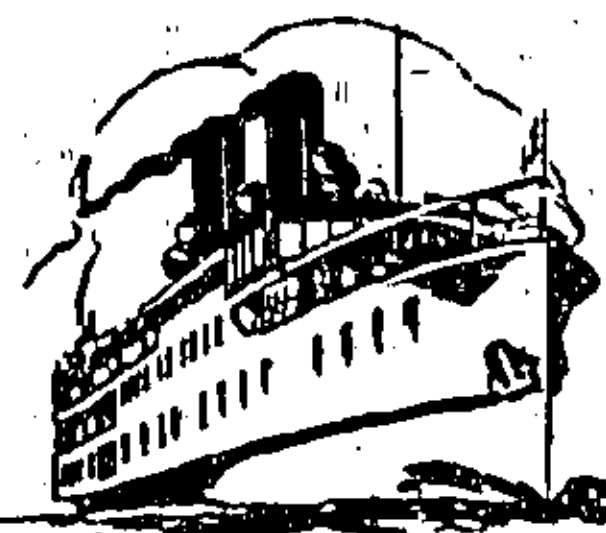
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## Taipo Robbery: Unemployed Acquitted At Session

Without retiring, a jury comprising Messrs. A. J. Hall (Foreman), Wong Tat, Li Fook-shun, D. F. Lopes, Shek Suk-wah, Paul Yip and Andrew Tse, returned a unanimous verdict of Not guilty when YIM ON, alias YIM CHUN, was arraigned at the Criminal Sessions yesterday before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, on a charge of robbery, by two or more, on Dec. 3.

## ANTI-MUI TSAI SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

### PROSECUTIONS ON INCREASE

"The number of prosecutions for bringing into the Colony, and for keeping, unregistered wards, has increased owing to the flow of refugees to Hongkong from China," states Dr. Shin Lok-sang, English Secretary, in presenting his report at the 19th annual meeting of the Anti-Mutual Society held at the Y. W. C. A. last night. It was revealed in Dr. Shin's report that the number of registered wards remaining in the Colony on Nov. 30 last was 2,765, showing a decrease of 184 in six months.

A review of the Society's activities was given by Mr. Chan Tiling, Chinese Secretary.

The meeting, which was opened with a hymn, and sermon by the Rev. Wong Oi-ton, was interspersed by "Songs" and a playlet entitled "Spy's Children," presented by the Kan Kwok Club, of the Y. W. C. A.

### NEW COMMITTEE

The following were elected to be Committee members for the ensuing year:—

Drs. Fok Wing-kun, Cheung Fat-in, Shin Lok-sang, Chau Wal-cheung, Messdames Paul S. F. Tso, Luke Oi-wan, Wong Wah-lum, Misses Shun Tak-hing, Tong Shue-hing, Alice F. Kwok, Wong Yuk-mool, the Revs. Wong Oi-ton, Tsang King-ngok, Paul S. F. Tso, Lee Kau-yun, Ho Sum-yue, Wong Chung-oi, Messrs. Wong Tat-ku, Kong Yat-sum, Yeung Siu-chuen, Cheung Kut-shing, Wong Siu-tin, Cheuk Yan-kom, Ma Yiu-tung, Wong Po-lum, Wong Kam-yung, Lum Tse-tung, Mak Moot-sang, Chau Tit-long, Ho Yan-tak. Reserve—Mr. Chan Ching-po.

## JAPANESE CONTROL OVER EDUCATION

Control over education in the Shanghai western districts is now exercised by the Japanese as many primary schools there have been forced to adopt pro-Japanese textbooks published by the Japanese San Tung Book Company since the beginning of this week, according to a Shanghai report.

In the new geography textbooks, the four northeastern provinces have been renamed "Manchukuo." Unwilling to yield to Japanese pressure, several schools have closed and a large number of students in other institutions have voluntarily quitted. — (Central News).

## VALLEY TRAINING GALLOPS

The following times were clocked during the training gallops at Happy Valley yesterday morning:—

	Distance	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	Last Qr.
Red Feather	1/2	32	32	32
Tornado Star	1/2	35.2	108.1	32.4
Devonian	1/2	29.2	57.1	27.4
Longdon & Surprise Again	1/2	29.3	58.2	28.4
Royal Highness	1/2	31		31
Confusion Bay	1/2	29	57	28
Flying Star	1/2	29.2		29.2
Attacking Time	1/2	32.1		32.1
Cocklerod	1/2	30.2	59	28.3
Royal Wedding Eve	1/2	32.2	104	31.3
Venus Bay	1/2	32	102	30
Clember	1/2	29		29
Piet Hein	1/2	36.4	109.1	32.2
Sunlight View	1/2	32.3	104	31.2
Sea Urchin	1/2	28.3	58	29.2
Dawn Star	1/2	38.4	109.3	32.4
Baffin Bay	1/2	30.4	100	29.1
Kentucky	1/2	30.3		30.3
Craigavon	1/2	30	59.2	29.2
Taxing Master	1/2	32.1		32.1
Lilliber	1/2	29.3		29.3
Viceroy	1/2	28.3	55	28.2
Bravo	1/2	28.4	56	27.1
Jack O'Lantern	1/2	36	108.3	32.3
Emergency Unit	1/2	33.4	104.4	31
Winnle	1/2	28.1		28.1
Salvage Master	1/2	33.3		33.3
Sapper	1/2	29.2	58.2	29
Annabella	1/2	31		31
Quick Despatch	1/2	28		28
Australian Prince	1/2	30.1		30.1
Eve of Harvest	1/2	29.3	100.1	30.3
Blue Field	1/2			31

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Lam Sing, boat builder of Taipo, testified to having recognized the boat on which accused was found as belonging to defendant.

### A.R.P. CONFERENCE:

## COLONY TUNNELS AS GOOD AS THOSE OF RAMSGATE

The A.R.P. tunnels now in course of construction in the Colony compare very favourably with those of Ramsgate, which have stood up so well to the Nazi blitzkrieg, the Director of Air Raid Precautions said yesterday at his weekly Press conference.

Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., produced figures compiled by Mr. Campbell, of the P.W.D., who is in charge of tunnelling arrangements in Hongkong, which showed that the local tunnels will have accommodation for three persons per foot length. The cross-sectional area of the Ramsgate tunnels is 42 sq. feet whereas the Hongkong tunnels vary from 80 to 86 feet.

### SURFACE AREA

The surface area of walls, floor and ceiling per foot in the Ramsgate tunnels amounts to 26 square feet, while the Hongkong ones average 32 1/2 square feet. The cost per foot run is much cheaper in Hongkong.

The tunnels in Ramsgate require no timbering whereas those in Hongkong have all to be shored up, which naturally increases the price very much.

The tunnel programme in the Colony is now expected to be finished within 12 months.

The possibility of making use of nullahs as another means of protection is also being investigated, and experiments have already been carried out in Kowloon.

Sites for new tunnels are being investigated in the Central Police Station, Leighton Hill and between Bonham and Hospital Roads.

## Police And Robbers In Gunfight

Tang Kan, Li Hung and Tung Ying, pork dealers of Liu Pok village reported to a Police party in motorboat No. 11, at 10.50 a.m. yesterday, that they had been held up at Shek Kok Tsui.

The Police made inquiries which resulted in the chase, and arrest, of two men after an exchange of fire between the Police and the men. All the money stolen was recovered.

One of the alleged robbers was wounded by Police fire and removed to Kowloon Hospital.

### MAN ARRESTED

In another running revolver duel with the Police, a Chinese was arrested in Boundary Street at 3.45 p.m. yesterday, in possession of a revolver, loaded in four chambers, a spent round of ammunition, and a live round. The arrested man had been seen loitering in company with another man.

### POLICE REPORTS

Mrs. Booker, wife of Mr. F. E. E. Booker, Assistant Superintendent of Police, had her handbag, containing \$40 and a gold pocket-watch, snatched while she was walking along Des Voeux Road Central, near Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co., at 7 p.m. on Thursday night, the robber making good his escape.

Mrs. Glover, of No. 90 Broom Road, has reported the loss of a jade ring valued at \$500.

Mr. McCarther, of Stanley Terrace, has reported the loss of a travelling clock valued at \$40 from his residence.

Mr. I. J. Davies, residing at No. 13 The Peak, was a victim of burglars who visited his premises in the early morning of Dec. 12. He was awakened at about 3 a.m. by the bark of his dog. On investigating, he found a pan of one of his windows removed, and two glass vases, a fountain pen and a chair cushion to the total value of \$72 missing from the room.

Another burglary case was reported when a robber broke into the garage of Mr. Y. C. Kwan, of No. 105 Robinson Road, and got away with a quantity of brass valued at \$95.

A European was the victim of pickpocket when he had his fountain-pen lifted while walking in Chater Road shortly before 11.30 a.m. yesterday.

## FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

### INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 1st and 4th December	14th Dec.
Swatow	14th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai — (San Francisco date, 22nd November)	15th Dec.
Airmail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (except London) by Sea from Singapore, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai — (San Francisco date, 19th November)	16th Dec.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, and Shanghai — (Vancouver B.C., date, 27th November)	16th Dec.
Canton	17th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 10th December	17th Dec.
Calcutta and Straits	20th Dec.
Sandakan	21st Dec.
Australia and Manila	23rd Dec.
London and Straits	24th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 6th December)	28th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, and Manila (San Francisco date, 3rd December)	28th Dec.
Calcutta and Straits	29th Dec.
Sandakan	29th Dec.
London and Straits	31st Dec.
London and Straits	31st Dec.

### OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

For	Date and Time
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Sat. 14th</b>
	<b>K.P.O.</b>
Reg.	8.30 AM
Ord.	8.00 AM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Transatlantic Services"	<b>G.P.O.</b>
Reg.	8.30 AM
Ord.	8.00 AM
Manila, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	8.30 P.M.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Tue. 17th</b>
	<b>K.P.O.</b>
Reg.	2.00 PM
Ord.	2.30 PM
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	<b>G.P.O.</b>
Reg.	2.00 PM
Ord.	2.30 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	3.30 P.M.
Manila, Straits and United-Kingdom	<b>K.P.O.</b>
Reg.	4.00 PM
Ord.	6.00 PM
6.30 PM	
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. & Europe via "Pan American Airways and Transatlantic Services"	<b>G.P.O.</b>
Reg.	6.00 PM
Ord.	5.30 PM
7.00 PM	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Wed. 18th.</b>
Canton	7.15 AM
Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya	8.30 AM
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Thu. 19th</b>
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and "United-Kingdom via San Francisco"	<b>G.P.O. &amp; K.P.O.</b>
Reg.	1.15 PM
Ord.	1.30 PM
1.30 PM	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Fri. 20th</b>
Haiphong	10.30 AM
	<b>K.P.O.</b>
Reg.	4.00 PM
Ord.	4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	<b>G.P.O.</b>
Reg.	4.00 PM
Ord.	4.30 PM
5.00 PM	
5.30 PM	
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	<b>G.P.O.</b>
Reg.	6.00 PM
Ord.	7.00 PM
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Sat. 21st</b>
Straits	8.30 AM
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Mon. 23rd</b>
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and United-Kingdom via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)	<b>G.P.O. &amp; K.P.O.</b>
Reg.	5.00 PM
Ord.	5.15 PM
5.15 PM	
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Parcels 10.30 AM	
Letters 11.30 AM	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Wed. 25th.</b>
Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya	8.30 AM
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Thu. 26th</b>
	<b>K.P.O.</b>
Parcels 10.00 AM	
Reg.	11.15 AM
Ord.	Noon
11.15 AM	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Fri. 27th</b>
Sandakan	8.30 AM

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